

Saint Bernadette Church Prayer for Gatherings



A simple faith sharing process to put Jesus' message
at the heart of your meeting.

Opening Prayer

Holy Spirit,
Direct our minds with Your wisdom.
Open our ears with Your words.
Touch our lips with Your truth.
Fill our hearts with Your love.
Amen.

Reflect & Share

Share one or more of the following questions.

What word or phrase in this reading speaks to me?

When he heard these words, do you think Nicodemus (to whom these words were addressed) better understood who Jesus is? Are these words central to your understanding?

What are some ways that you experience God as Father? As Son? As Holy Spirit? What adjectives might you use for each? What adjectives might apply to all?

How do you react to the contrast of love and condemnation in this reading?

How does the concept of the Trinity best exemplify to you how God loves you?

We hear the first verse of this reading so often (even see it at sporting events) that we might not pay much attention any

more. Fill in your name as you read this slowly three times: "God so loved _____ that He gave His only Son, that _____, who believes in Him, may have eternal life."

Does inserting your name help you better understand what Jesus has done for you?



Scripture Reading

Most Holy Trinity

June 4, 2023

John 3:16-18

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Allow 30 Seconds of Reflective Silence.)

Closing Prayer

May we behold your presence, O Triune God,
in all its wonders and grace,
in every moment of our lives.

May everything we do give praise to You —

(Make the sign of the cross as you pray...)

as Father:

the loving Creator and Sustainer of all life,
the One who gave His Only Son for us,

as Son:

the Word of God made human for us,
the Source of our salvation,

as Spirit:

the love that binds Father to Son

and we to You and to each other. Amen!