



# Mixed Team Sessions

## “Serving in Imitation of Mary” Mixed Team Meeting 2

### Awaiting the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:12-14, 2:1-4)

Sunday, 23 April 2023 11:45

The scripture basis for the Review Meeting in the 2022-2023 “Serving in Imitation of Mary” ERI Study Topic

### MEETING IN CONFIDENCE

All acknowledge that what is shared in this session will be kept in confidence.

### PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

All pray aloud together (see text in the Section “[Teams Prayers](#)”, Page 3).

### INTRODUCTIONS AND SHARING

The group will comprise the same persons as the previous Mixed Team Meeting; even so, Members may like to remind each other of their names, and possibly also share a striking thought or moment from the Gathering so far.

### SCRIPTURE READING (Acts 1:12-14, 2:1-4)

Someone from the group reads the scripture text aloud.

So from the Mount of Olives, as it is called, they went back to Jerusalem, a short distance away. It was no more than a sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying. There were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James, son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude, son of James. All of them were joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire. These separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

### LISTEN QUIETLY TO MARY’S HEART

From the first telling of his appearance at the tomb, Mary has exulted with the whole group of disciples at every new report of an appearance by Jesus. Over and over again, they drill into things he said and did, both before he died, and at each precious occasion when they have seen him since. What are they all waiting for now? Will they know when it comes? What is it they must do? What now is her own motherhood, as Jesus indicated to her from the cross? What can she possibly teach them of how to pray?



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## PRAY WITH MARY

Members of the group offer in turn a prayer inspired by their reflection on the scripture text.

## DISCUSSION

- ❖ Discuss how you imagine the disciples looked on Mary during this period in the Upper Room, and how this might have changed from before Jesus died. Is she anything more to them than a woman who lost her son?
- ❖ Share about your experience of waiting for, and asking for, insight, inspiration, and guidance, and how you recognise the voice and presence of the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ What desires do you have for your prayer life, individually and as a couple?

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 104)

The group determines how the reading of the psalm verses and response are to be shared.

Response: Bless the Lord, my soul!

Bless the Lord, my soul  
Lord, my God, how great you are!  
Clothed in majesty and splendour  
Wearing the light as a robe!

How countless are your works, Lord  
All of them made so wisely!  
The earth is full of your creatures

They all depend on you  
To feed them when they need it  
You provide the food they gather  
Your open hand gives them their fill

Turn away your face and they panic  
Take back their breath and they die  
And revert to dust  
Send out your breath and life begins  
You renew the face of the earth  
Glory to the Lord for ever!  
May the Lord find joy in his creatures!  
At his glance the earth trembles  
At his touch the mountains pour forth smoke

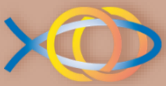
I shall sing to the Lord all my life  
Make music for my God as long as I live  
May my musings be pleasing to him  
For the Lord gives me joy

## INTERCESSIONS

Members of the group offer prayers in turn for any whom they know are in need.

## MAGNIFICAT

All stand and pray aloud together (see text in the Section "[Teams Prayers](#)", Page 3).



## Teams Prayers

### **PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*All pray aloud together.*

Holy Spirit,

You are the Spirit of the Father and the Son blessed in eternity.

You have been sent to us by Jesus, to make us understand what He told us, and to lead us towards the fulness of truth.

You are for us the Spirit of Life, the Spirit of Creation, the Sanctifying Spirit.

It is you who renew all things.

We humbly ask you to enliven us, and to make your home in us: in each and every one of us, in each of our couples, and in each of our Teams, so that we may live the Sacrament of Marriage as a place of love, a path to happiness, and a way to holiness.

Amen.

### **MAGNIFICAT**

*All stand and pray aloud together.*

And Mary said:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord

And my spirit exults in God my Saviour

Because He has looked upon His lowly handmaid

Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed

For the Almighty has done great things for me

Holy is His name

And His mercy reaches from age to age

For those who fear Him

He has shown the power of His arm

He has routed the proud of heart

He has pulled down princes from their thrones

And exalted the lowly

The hungry He has filled with good things

The rich He sent empty away

He has come to the help of Israel, His servant

Mindful of His mercy

According to the promise He made to our ancestors:

Of His mercy to Abraham

And to his descendants forever

Our Lady of the home, pray for us

### **PRAYER FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF FATHER HENRI CAFFAREL**

*All pray aloud together.*

God, our Father,

You planted deep in the heart of your servant, Henri Caffarel,

a fountain of love which bound him totally to your Son

and inspired him with a wonderful capacity to speak of Him.

A prophet for our time,

he revealed the dignity and beauty of the vocation of every person

in the words Jesus addresses to each of us: "Come follow me".



He made couples enthusiastic about the greatness of the sacrament of marriage,  
the sign of Christ's fruitful love for the Church and of His union with her.

He showed that priests and couples  
are called to live a vocation of love.

He was a guide to widows: love is stronger than death.

Prompted by the Holy Spirit,

he accompanied many Christians on the path of prayer.

Seized by a devouring fire, he was a dwelling place for you, Lord.

God, our Father,

through the intercession of Our Lady,

we ask you to hasten the day

when the Church will proclaim the holiness of his life,

so that people everywhere will discover the joy of following your Son

in accordance with their particular vocations in the Holy Spirit.

God our Father, we at this Teams GB Gathering invoke Father Caffarel to plead with you for the good  
and growth of this Movement that you saw fit through him to initiate among us. Through his prayers,  
release powerful graces for redoubling our own desires for holiness, and for drawing many to seek you  
in the company of a Team.

Amen.

