

Prayer for Session 6 of *Living in Christ*

Beginning Prayer:

(Proclaim the scripture passage below. You may do this yourself or invite a member of the group to do so. Allow for a bit of silence (perhaps pray the Lord's Prayer to yourself for a sense of ample silence). Proclaim the reading again. At the conclusion of the second proclamation invite the members of the group to share a word or a phrase that stuck out and spoke to them. Simply ask them to voice that word or phrase out loud without explanation. After all have voiced their word or phrase, pause and pray the following:)

Lord, God. Be with us this night. May the words and phrases that spoke to our hearts as we listened to your Word as it was proclaimed remain with us in our sharing this night. We ask this as we ask all things, through Jesus your Son in the Power of the Spirit. Amen.

A reading from the Gospel of Luke (Lk. 15:21-28)

Then Jesus went from that place and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But He did not say a word in answer to her. His disciples came and asked Him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But the woman came and did Him homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs. She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour.

The Gospel of the Lord

Closing Prayer:

As we conclude our sharing today, let us listen once more to the scripture that was proclaimed as we began. **(Proclaim the passage above once more.)** May we continue to ponder the words of this passage in our hearts as we journey together through the week. Together let us pray the *Evangelization Prayer* found on the inside front cover of our booklets. **(After the prayer is prayed)** Let us go in peace!