

Prayer for Session 6 of *Witnessing to 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 book of the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 4:32-35)

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

The word 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!