# Space for God The Least & the Littlest

#### PREPARATION

The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers.

Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. 1 Peter 4:7-9

#### CONFESSION

Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways,

I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

# ADORATION and GRATITUDE

Let the rich of the earth feast and worship. Bow before him, all who are mortal, all whose lives will end as dust.

Our children will also serve him.

**Future generations will hear about the wonders of the Lord.** His righteous acts will be told to those not yet born. They will hear about everything he has done. Psalm 22:29-31

# MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION - Mark 9:30-37\*

Leaving that region, they traveled through Galilee. Jesus didn't want anyone to know he was there, for he wanted to spend more time with his disciples and teach them. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of

IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITYReadSlowly, several times.ReflectWhat does the text say?RespondHow does it relate to my life?

I welcome God's healing and renewal.

his enemies. He will be killed, but three days later he will rise from the dead." They didn't understand what he was saying, however, and they were afraid to ask him what he meant.

Rest

After they arrived at Capernaum and settled in a house, Jesus asked his disciples, "What were you discussing out on the road?" But they didn't answer, because they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said,

"Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else."

Then he put a little child among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, "Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not only me but also my Father who sent me."

#### ANCHORING PRAYER

"I am Your servant: I welcome You."

**REVIEW OF THE HEART (previous 24 hours)** 

When was I welcoming to someone on Christ's behalf?

When did I desire prestige or position over humble service?

#### WISDOM

*1 Peter 5:2:* Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God.

*2 Timothy 2:24:* A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people.

*Ecclesiastes 10:5-7:* There is another evil I have seen under the sun. Kings and rulers make a grave mistake when they give great authority to foolish people and low positions to people of proven worth. I have even seen servants riding horseback like princes—and princes walking like servants!

### TESTIMONY What is God saying to me?

INTERCESSION Prayers for the Church, for others, and for me.

# CLOSING PRAYER

2 Samuel 22:27-29

To the pure you show yourself pure,

but to the crooked you show yourself shrewd.

You rescue the humble,

but your eyes watch the proud and humiliate them.

O Lord, you are my lamp.

The Lord lights up my darkness. [Amen] 2 Samuel 22:27-29

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.

Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and

Speak and act from a listening heart.

Actively serve in community with others.

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