# Space for God You are Welcome Here

# PREPARATION

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us. 1 John 4:12

## CONFESSION

Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God, for your sins have brought you down. Bring your confessions, and return to the Lord. Say to him, "Forgive all our sins and graciously receive us, so that we may offer you our praises. Hosea 14:1-2

# WORSHIP

Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.

And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory. Colossians 3:2-4

# MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION - Matthew 10:40-42\*

"Anyone who receives you receives me, and anyone who receives me receives the Father who sent me. If you receive a prophet as one who speaks for God, you will be given the same reward as a prophet. And if you receive righteous people because of their righteousness, you will be given a reward like theirs. And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded."



#### IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

Read Slowly, several times.

Reflect What does the text say?

Respond How does it relate to my life?

Rest I welcome God's healing and renewal.

#### ANCHORING PRAYER

"Lord, You are welcome here."

## REVIEW OF THE HEART (recent days)

When and how was I a conduit of God's grace and love? When did I act inhospitably towards someone else?

#### WISDOM

Then Elijah cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, why have you brought tragedy to this widow who has opened her home to me, causing her son to die?" The Lord heard Elijah's prayer, and the life of the child returned, and he revived! 1 Kings 17:20, 22

And Jason has welcomed them into his home. They are all guilty of treason against Caesar, for they profess allegiance to another king, named Jesus."  $_{\rm Acts\ 17:7}$ 

There may be a sea of warm love in "a cup of cold water." -C.H. Spurgeon

TESTIMONY What is God saying to me/us?

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

# BENEDICTION

May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.

#### Amen

Romans 15:5-7

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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