

# **Catholic Education Week 2015**

*Prayer Services and Reflection Activities for 2014-2015*

## **Advance Kit**

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# Exploring Paths of JOY

*“Were not our hearts burning within us while He was talking to us on the road?”  
– Luke 24:32*



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*“Catholic Education: Exploring Paths of Joy”*

MAY 3 – MAY 9, 2014

## Guidelines for using the Advance Kit

### *What is Catholic Education Week?*

Each year the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week.

### *What is the theme of Catholic Education Week?*

This year’s celebration entitled “*Catholic Education: Exploring Paths of Joy*” is scheduled for the week of May 3 – May 8, 2015. The scriptural passage that guides our theme is: “*Were not our hearts burning within us while He was talking to us on the road?*” Luke 24:32 In fact, the whole account of the Emmaus journey (Luke 24:13-35) will be woven through our prayer services.

### *What is the Catholic Education Week Resource Kit?*

For a number of years OCSTA has developed and distributed a school-based Resource Kit of activities, prayer services and suggested resources based on the theme of the particular year. The Resource Kit is sent to Catholic school communities early in the year to assist them in their Catholic Education Week activities.

### *What is the Catholic Education Week Advance Kit?*

In order to help all Catholic educational partners engage in prayer and dialogue in preparation for Catholic Education Week 2015, OCSTA has prepared an Advance Kit of **prayer services** and **reflection activities**. Unlike the Resource Kit that is designed for students, the Advance Kit, sent early in the school year, is designed to help adult groups (trustees, school board staff, school staff groups, parent groups, parish groups, associations, etc.) reflect on the theme of Catholic Education Week with prayer services and reflection activities beginning in Advent and concluding in the month before Catholic Education Week.

### *What are the sub-themes of Catholic Education Week?*

The Advance Kit has five prayer and reflection activities for the five months preceding Catholic Education Week, each activity reflecting one of the five sub-themes of Catholic Education Week:

1. Advent – “Walking Together and Sharing our Story”
2. January – “Opening the Scriptures”
3. February – “Welcoming Others to the Table”
4. March – “Recognizing Jesus in the breaking of the Bread”
5. April – “Proclaiming the Good News”

*How can the Advance Kit be used in a local Catholic educational community?*

Each service may be used to begin a meeting or gathering, or to provide an opportunity for the adult partners in a local Catholic education community to discuss the themes.

Each prayer service includes:

- ... prayers that reflect the theme;
- ... a scripture reading that connects with the theme;<sup>1</sup>
- ... a personal reflection related to the Scripture reading;
- ... a theme-related reading taken from contemporary Catholic spiritual writings;
- ... questions for discussion or reflection based on that reading.

*Does the format of these prayer services always have to be followed?*

The Advance Kit is a gift to be adapted and utilized in whatever way suits the needs of your local community. Feel free to use all, or any part, of the kit in the five months prior to Catholic Education Week 2015 beginning in Advent 2014.

*What approach should be taken to the discussion?*

The Advance Kit is designed in Catholic education to help adult groups to sit down together to pray and reflect. In discussing the reflection questions found in this Advance Kit, it is important to allow for the divergent views and experiences that may emerge. Reflection sharing or discussions should be conducted in a gospel atmosphere of respect. Conflicting points of view should be heard and accepted, without feeling the need for them to be resolved.

*How can we help prepare for future Catholic Education Week activities?*

OCSTA encourages all its partners to let us know about your group's use of this Advance Kit by sending an e-mail to OCSTA at the following e-mail address: [ocsta@ocsta.on.ca](mailto:ocsta@ocsta.on.ca).

The Catholic Education Week Committee would also be pleased to receive your feedback on this Advance Kit as well as suggestions to improve its value to our partners in Catholic education. These and all other Catholic Education Week materials are available at the OCSTA website: [www.ocsta.on.ca](http://www.ocsta.on.ca).

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<sup>1</sup> Note that the scriptural reading has been provided for your convenience; however, scripture should normally be read from a Bible or Lectionary.

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**Advent 2014**

*“Walking Together and Sharing our Story”*

**SUGGESTED OPENING SONGS:**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
Prepare Ye (The Way of the Lord) – Stephen Schwartz  
Magnificat (All That I Am) – David Haas  
Come and Journey with Me – David Haas

**OPENING PRAYER**

Loving Jesus,  
this Advent  
we follow Mary on her pilgrimage,  
a journey that leads to her cousin Elizabeth  
a journey of listening to voices of joy.  
May peace surround us and kindness guide us.  
We pray in Your name.  
Amen.

**READING: Luke 1:39-45**

*A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.*

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **R: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**QUESTION FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:**

What is joy? What have been your most joyful moments?

**READING AND GUIDED REFLECTION QUESTIONS:****Pope Francis on the Visitation**

What gave rise to Mary's act of going to visit her relative Elizabeth? A word of God's Angel. "Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son..." (Lk 1:36). Mary knew how to listen to God. Be careful: it was not merely "hearing", a superficial word, but it was "listening", that consists of attention, acceptance and availability to God. It was not in the distracted way with which we sometimes face the Lord or others: we hear their words, but we do not really listen. Mary is attentive to God. She listens to God.

But Mary also listens to the facts, that is, she reads the events of her life, she is attentive to concrete reality and does not stop at the surface, but goes to the depths, so as to grasp its meaning. Her kinswoman Elizabeth, who is already elderly, is expecting a child: this is the fact. But Mary is attentive to the meaning, she knows how to understand it: "Nothing is impossible to God" (Lk 1:37).

This is also true in our life: listening to God who speaks to us, and listening also to daily reality, paying attention to people, to facts because the Lord is at the door of our life and knocks in many ways, he puts signs on our pathway; he gives us the capacity to see them. Mary is the mother of listening, of attentive listening to God and of equally attentive listening to the events of life.

– Pope Francis, *St Peter's Square, May 31 2013*

**QUESTION FOR DISCUSSION/REFLECTION:**

Who do we need to listen to more attentively this Advent?

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

Dear Jesus,  
we prepare for our own journeys to the stable  
by listening more carefully for your presence around us.  
This Advent,  
may we weave our prayer and our service  
into a suitable cloth to swaddle you.  
May the fabric of our lives  
comfort and hold the sacred gift.  
May we serve you faithfully and joyfully  
all the days of our lives.  
We pray in Your name,  
Amen. +

**SUGGESTED CLOSING SONGS:**

O Come Divine Messiah – Traditional  
That's What Faith Must Be – Michael Card  
Breath of Heaven – Amy Grant

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**January 2015**

*“Opening the Scriptures”*

**SUGGESTED OPENING SONGS:**

Were I the Perfect Child of God – Tony Alonso & Michael Mahler

Here I am, Lord – Dan Schutte

We Come to Your Feast – Michael Joncas

Two Were Bound for Emmaus – Bob Hurd

**OPENING PRAYER: Prayer of Saint John Chrysostom**

*Before Reading Sacred Scripture*

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
open the eyes of my heart,  
that I may hear Your word  
and understand and do Your will,  
for I am a sojourner upon the earth.  
Hide not Your commandments from me,  
but open my eyes, that I may perceive the wonders of Your law.  
Speak unto me the hidden and secret things  
of Your wisdom.

On You do I set my hope, O my God,  
that You shall enlighten  
my mind and understanding with  
the light of Your knowledge,  
not only to cherish those things  
which are written, but to do them; ...  
For You are the enlightenment of those  
who lie in darkness,  
and from You comes every good deed  
and every gift.  
Amen.

**READING: Luke 24:13-27**

*A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.*

Two of [the disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

The Gospel of the Lord. **R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:**

What is your favourite scripture passage? How is Jesus speaking to you through it?

**READING:**

The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew.

I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfaithfully each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since “no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord”. The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms. ... Let us not flee from the resurrection of Jesus, let us never give up, come what will. May nothing inspire more than his life, which impels us onwards!

– Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*, #1 & #3.

**QUESTION FOR DISCUSSION/REFLECTION:**

How can we invite students into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ?

**CLOSING PRAYER: Pope Francis the closing prayer from *Joy of the Gospel* , #288**

Mary, Virgin and Mother,  
you who, moved by the Holy Spirit,  
welcomed the word of life  
in the depths of your humble faith:  
as you gave yourself completely to the Eternal One,  
help us to say our own “yes”  
to the urgent call, as pressing as ever,  
to proclaim the good news of Jesus.

Filled with Christ’s presence,  
you brought joy to John the Baptist,  
making him exult in the womb of his mother.  
Brimming over with joy,  
you sang of the great things done by God.  
Standing at the foot of the cross  
with unyielding faith,  
you received the joyful comfort of the resurrection,  
and joined the disciples in awaiting the Spirit  
so that the evangelizing Church might be born.

Obtain for us now a new ardour born of the resurrection,  
that we may bring to all the Gospel of life  
which triumphs over death.  
Give us a holy courage to seek new paths,  
that the gift of unfading beauty  
may reach every man and woman.

Virgin of listening and contemplation,  
Mother of love, Bride of the eternal wedding feast,  
pray for the Church, whose pure icon you are,  
that she may never be closed in on herself  
or lose her passion for establishing God’s kingdom.

Star of the new evangelization,  
help us to bear radiant witness to communion,  
service, ardent and generous faith,  
justice and love of the poor,  
that the joy of the Gospel  
may reach to the ends of the earth,  
illuminating even the fringes of our world.

Mother of the living Gospel,  
wellspring of happiness for God’s little ones,  
pray for us.  
Amen. Alleluia!

**SUGGESTED CLOSING SONGS:**

We Are Marching – South African  
Walk in the Light – Damian Lundy  
Thy Word – Amy Grant



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**February 2015**

*“Welcoming Others to the Table”*

**SUGGESTED OPENING SONGS:**

Gather Us In – Marty Haugen

All are Welcome – Marty Haugen

God is Here – David Haas

Open the Eyes of My Heart – Michael W. Smith or Paul Baloche

**OPENING PRAYER**

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;  
All are welcome, all are welcome.  
All are welcome in this place  
-Marty Haugen, “All are welcome”

**READING: Luke 24:28-31**

*A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.*

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. The Gospel of the Lord.

**R: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**QUESTION FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:**

How have we been taken, blessed, broken and given?

**READING: Taken, Blessed, Broken, Given**

Like the bread taken by Jesus, we are chosen by God, selected for a unique role to play in God's story. And as we recognize that we have been chosen, so we recognize the chosenness of all people.

Like bread blessed by Jesus, we, too, are blessed by God. We are called to claim our blessing and to bless others as we live each day.

Like the bread broken by Jesus. We are also broken in so many ways ... In our bodies and in our hearts, in our homes and in our world. Jesus asks us to take up our cross, to claim our unique brokenness, and to join it with our blessing as we move into service with those who hurt.

Like the bread given by Jesus, we also are given. Each of our lives is a gift to those close to us: family, friends, those we serve, as well as to people we will never know. God has given us – each one of us – as a sacred gift to the world.

– Ed Giganti, Catholic Health Association <http://www.chausa.org/docs/default-source/health-progress/prayer-service---taken-blessed-broken-and-given-pdf.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

*(Inspired by Fr. Henri Nouwen)*

**QUESTION FOR DISCUSSION/REFLECTION:**

How have you found joy in being chosen? How have you come to know Jesus through being taken, blessed, broken and given?

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

God who calls us, blesses us, and sends us into the world as gifts, we thank you. Help us always to remember that teaching of your Son, Jesus, who is our example for ministry. Help us to see you each day in the faces of our sisters and brothers. Help us, too, to embrace our own brokenness, to be, in the words of your son, Henri Nouwen, “wounded healers” whom you give to a broken world. Amen.

– Ed Giganti, Catholic Health Association

<http://www.chausa.org/docs/default-source/health-progress/prayer-service---taken-blessed-broken-and-given-pdf.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

**SUGGESTED CLOSING SONG:**

Pan de Vida (Bread of Life) – Jaime Cortez

Go Make A Difference – Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek

The Summons – John Bell/Kelvingrove

We are Many Parts – Marty Haugen

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**March 2015**

*“Recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread”*

**SUGGESTED OPENING SONGS:**

Open the Eyes of My Heart – Michael Smith, Paul Baloche

In the Breaking of the Bread – Bob Hurd

Emmaus – Tony Alonso

Eat This Bread – Taizé

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Open our eyes, Lord.

Without the gift of Your revelation,  
our eyes are kept from recognizing You.

Appear before us, suddenly, unexpectedly, in all your glory.

So that we, too, may proclaim to a world in despair,  
that we have seen the risen Lord.

We pray in Your name.

Amen.

—Nathan Bierma

**READING: Luke 24: 28-32**

*A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.*

As they came near the village to which they were going, [Jesus] walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’

The Gospel of the Lord: **R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**QUESTION FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:**

Where do I see Jesus today?

**READING:**

The two disciples whom Jesus joined on the road to Emmaus recognized him in the breaking of the bread. What is a more common, ordinary gesture than breaking bread? It may be the most human of all human gestures: a gesture of hospitality, friendship, care, and the desire to be together. Taking a loaf of bread, blessing it, breaking it, and giving it to those seated around the table signifies unity, community, and peace. When Jesus does this he does the most ordinary as well as the most extraordinary. It is the most human as well as the most divine gesture.

The great mystery is that this daily and most human gesture is the way we recognise the presence of Christ among us. God becomes most present when we are most human.

– Fr. Henri Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*

**QUESTION FOR DISCUSSION/REFLECTION:**

How can our community make our Eucharistic celebrations deeper encounters with the risen Christ?

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

May we continue to be as this blessed bread,  
a blessed people,  
blessed and broken in the love and care of one another.  
We who eat of the same bread,  
even though varied and different  
like its many grains of wheat  
are one in the body of Christ.

– Emmaus Community

<http://emmauscommunity.net/pages/book/bread.pdf>

**SUGGESTED CLOSING SONGS:**

One Bread, One Body – John Foley, S.J.

I Am the Bread of Life – Suzanne Toolan

Look Beyond – Darryl Ducote

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**April 2015**

*“Proclaiming the Good News”*

**SUGGESTED OPENING SONGS:**

How Can I Keep from Singing? – Shaker Hymn

Joy in the Journey – Michael Card

Two Were Bound for Emmaus – Bob Hurd

Exploring Paths of Joy (Catholic Education Week Theme Song) – Nancy Bodsworth

**OPENING PRAYER: Prayer for the New Evangelization from the United States Bishops**

Open my heart to hear the Gospel and grant me the confidence to proclaim the  
Good News to others.

Pour out your Spirit,

so that we may be strengthened to go forth and witness to the Gospel in our lives  
through our words and actions.

In moments of hesitation, remind us:

If not us, then who will proclaim the Gospel?

If not now, then when will the Gospel be proclaimed?

If not the truth of the Gospel, then what shall we proclaim?

God, our Father, we pray that through the Holy Spirit

we might hear the call of the New Evangelization to deepen our faith,

grow in confidence to proclaim the Gospel

and boldly witness to the saving grace of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

**READING: Luke 24: 28-35**

*A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.*

As they came near the village to which they were going, [Jesus] walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Word of the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.**

**QUESTION FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:**

How am I a witness to the Gospel?

**READING: Pope Francis on the two disciples**

The two disciples of Emmaus were vagrants when they left Jerusalem, they did not know where they would end up, but not when they came back! When they returned they were witnesses of the hope that is Christ because they encountered him, the Wayfarer who has risen! This Jesus is the Wayfarer who has risen who journeys with us. Jesus is here today, he is here with us. He is here in his Word, he is here on the altar, journeying with us, he is the Wayfarer who has risen. We too can become "wayfarers who have risen," if his Word burns in our heart, and his Eucharist opens our eyes to faith and nourishes us with hope and charity. We too can travel with our brothers and sisters who are sad and desperate, and we can warm their hearts with the Gospel, and we can break the bread of brotherhood with them.

– *Pope Francis' Homily at Mass of Thanksgiving for St. John Paul II's Canonization*

Text from page <http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/pope-s-homily-at-mass-of-thanksgiving-for-st-john-paul-ii-s-canonization>

**QUESTION FOR DISCUSSION/REFLECTION:**

How can we help our school(s) proclaim the Good News?

**CLOSING PRAYER: People of joy**

Loving Jesus,  
teach us to be people of joy.  
May we proclaim your Good News with joy.  
May joy ring through our homes, schools, and churches.  
May we always have joy for our journey.  
Grant us the grace of joy.  
This we pray in your name.  
Amen.

**SUGGESTED CLOSING SONGS:**

Glory and Praise to Our God – Dan Schutte

L'Arche Hymn – arr. Msgr. T. B. Armstrong, Trans. Stephen Somerville

I Will Rejoice – Grayson Warren Brown

**Additional Prayers for *Catholic Education Week, 2015 Exploring Paths of Joy***

+God of grace and goodness,  
Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus  
We walk together this year.  
You are the source of joy in our lives.  
As we share in Word and sacrament,  
Let us hold on to the truth that you are always with us.  
You love us, forgive us, and nourish us.  
Inspire us to proclaim this Good News with our witness and words  
So others may say “were not our hearts burning within us.”  
Amen+

+Loving Jesus,  
We walk with You through the school year-  
A pilgrimage of joy,  
A pilgrimage towards justice,  
A pilgrimage guided by love.

May we find joy in the journey,  
Joy in our friendship,  
Joy in our learning.

Bless us this day, dear Lord and bless our days together.

We make this prayer in your name,  
Amen+

**A Celtic Prayer for Joy**

+Loving God,  
As the hand is made for holding and the eye for seeing,  
You have fashioned me for joy.  
Share with me the vision that finds that joy everywhere.  
In the wild violet's beauty;  
In the lark's melody;  
In the face of a steadfast man;  
In a child's smile;  
In a mother's love;  
In the purity of Jesus.  
We make this prayer in your name,  
Amen+

*A Maclean, Hebridean Altars, Moray Press, Edinburgh, 1937*

+O God, I thank You for this day of life  
for eyes to see the sky  
for ears to hear the birds  
for feet to walk amidst the trees  
for hands to pick the flowers from the earth  
for a sense of smell to breathe in the sweet  
    perfumes of nature  
for a mind to think about and appreciate  
    the magic of everyday miracles  
for a spirit to swell in joy at Your mighty presence  
    everywhere.  
We make this prayer in your name,  
Amen+

-Marian Wright Edelman

### **On the road to Emmaus**

On the road to Emmaus they didn't recognize him,  
Not until his telling what the prophets had foretold.  
When he took bread and said the blessing,  
Broke it and shared it, they knew him then.  
So, let us recognize him in our sharing and our blessing,  
May the fruits of your creation feed us all.

-Trevor Stockton/CAFOD

### **Every Good Gift**

Lord, you provide every good gift and bless us with the  
overflowing abundance of the earth.  
You invite us to enjoy these gifts,  
but also to be good stewards of them.  
Help us today to be generous and compassionate to all who need help.  
May we never use our giving or service to others to pretend that we are superior to them, but  
rather remain humbly aware that we are no less needy in our own ways.

-Emmaus Community

### **Gracious God**

+Gracious God, thank you for the gift of today.  
Refresh me – invite me – to discover Your Presence in each person that I meet, and every event  
encountered,  
In moments of challenge and decision, attune my heart to the whisperings of your wisdom.  
As I undertake ordinary and unnoticed tasks, gift me with simple joy.  
When my day goes well, may I rejoice, when it grows difficult, surprise me with new  
possibilities.  
When life is overwhelming, call me to Sabbath moments to restore your peace and harmony.  
May my living today reveal your goodness.  
We pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen+

-Emmaus Community



**Prayer for Lasting Joy**

+Loving God,  
help us to seek the values  
that will bring us lasting joy  
in this changing world.

In our desire for what you promise  
make us one in mind and heart.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen+