

## Lord, We Hear Your Voice

This prayer service is best used at the conclusion of Chapters 9 and 10 of *Jesus Christ: His Mission and Ministry*.

### Gospel Response

**Leader:** Loving Lord, open us to your Good News that we may follow in your footsteps and act as your disciples.

**Voice 1:** Jesus said: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Mark 1:17).

**All:** Loving Lord, we hear your voice. Help us to act as your disciples.

**Voice 2:** Jesus said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied" (Matthew 5:3, 5-6).

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**Voice 3:** Jesus said: "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it" (Mark 10:14-15).

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**Voice 4:** Jesus said: "But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you" (Luke 6:27-28).

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**Voice 5:** Jesus said: "Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful. Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you" (Luke 6:36-38).

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**Voice 6:** Jesus said: “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened” (Matthew 7:7-8).

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**Voice 7:** Jesus said: “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments” (Matthew 22:37-34).

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**Voice 8:** Jesus said: “Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing (John 15:4-5).

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**Voice 9:** Jesus said: “As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you (John 15:9-14).

**All:** Loving Lord, we hear your voice. Help us to act as your disciples.

**Voice 10:** Jesus said: “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:18-20).

**All:** Loving Lord, we hear your voice. Help us to act as your disciples.

## **Closing Prayer**

**Leader:** Loving Lord, help us accept and analyze all you teach . . .

**All:** That God's Kingdom may come.

**Leader:** Loving Lord, help us apply what we learn from you . . .

**All:** That God's Kingdom may come.

**Leader:** Loving Lord, grant us the courage to spread the Good News that we have learned . . .

**All:** That God's Kingdom may come.

**Leader:** Finally, loving Lord, grant us attention, commitment, confidence, and perseverance as we pray:

**All:** *Join in praying the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Closing Hymn**

*Conclude with a hymn such as "The Summons" (John L. Bell) or "We Have Been Told" (David Haas).*