

**CHAPTER 3 PRAYER SERVICE**

**All:** In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Begin by playing the traditional hymn, “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing,” or the contemporary worship song, “How He Loves.” Various versions of both songs are available for free on YouTube.*

**Reader:** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

When [Judas] had left, Jesus said, . . . “My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. You will look for me, and as I told the Jews, ‘Where I go you cannot come,’ so now I say it to you. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Leader:** In his last moments with his disciples, Jesus emphasized his commandment to love one another. Jesus’s life and ministry can be summarized in this calling to love, a calling that extends to us today. Let us respond to this good news in prayer.

**All:** O Most Holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore You, I love You and with a lively sorrow for my sins, I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to Your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in You and for You. Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions; give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Within Your Heart I place my every care. In every need let me come to You with humble trust saying, “Heart of Jesus help me.” Amen.

**Reader:** Our response will be, “Heart of Jesus help me.”

**All:** Heart of Jesus help me.

**Reader:** When I doubt about your goodness and mercy . . .

**All:** Heart of Jesus help me.

**Reader:** When I experience suffering and pain . . .

**All:** Heart of Jesus help me.

**Reader:** When I must make a difficult decision . . .

**All:** Heart of Jesus help me.

**Reader:** When I want to grow in faith, hope, and love . . .

**All:** Heart of Jesus help me.

**Reader:** As I try to live each day in your love . . .

**All:** Heart of Jesus help me.

**Leader:** Let us pray. Our Father . . .

**All:** In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.