

## CHAPTER 6 PRAYER SERVICE

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

**Leader:** Heavenly Father, today we gather in your name to remember what you have done in the past and recognize what you are doing in our lives right now. Reveal to us the ways in which you are calling us closer to you and give us the grace we need to respond with humility and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Reader:** A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.”

Simon said in reply, “Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.” When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon.

Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.  
The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Leader:** When Jesus first met Peter, Peter was a humble fisherman who was worried about doing his job. Jesus understood and provided for Peter’s need, and in doing so he

caught Peter's attention. Jesus then called Peter to follow him, and Peter responded by leaving everything behind.

Today, Jesus calls us to follow him boldly. We also might have concerns or worries about following Jesus, but he cares about our needs and provides for them, too. With this in mind, let us bring our prayers and petitions to the Lord, asking for the grace we need to respond generously and enthusiastically to his call.

**Reader:** Our response will be, "Take care of everything, Jesus." When I feel worried about what I will eat, where I will sleep, or what I will wear . . .

**All:** Take care of everything, Jesus.

**Reader:** When I feel worried about what my family, friends, neighbors and classmates might think of me for living as your disciple . . .

**All:** Take care of everything, Jesus.

**Reader:** When I feel unsure that I am worthy of your call . . .

**All:** Take care of everything, Jesus.

**Reader:** As I return the many gifts you have given me back to you . . .

**All:** Take care of everything, Jesus.

**Leader:** Through the intercession of St. Peter and St. Ignatius of Loyola, we now pray . . .

**All:** Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,  
my memory, my understanding,  
and my entire will,  
all I have and call my own.  
To you, Lord, I return it.  
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.  
Give me only your love and your grace;  
that is enough for me. Amen.

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