

Handout 6-1

# Leadership Prayer Service

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## Scripture Reading

**Reader 1:** *Read from 2 Samuel 5:1–3.*

## Prayer Response

**All:** Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father.

**Side 1:** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose.

**Side 2:** Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

**Side 1:** He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

**All:** Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father.

**Side 2:** You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;

**Side 1:** You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**All:** Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father.

**Side 2:** Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;

**Side 1:** And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

**All:** Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father.

## Prayer Intentions

**Reader 2:** For world leaders, that they may promote policies of justice and human dignity,

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader 3:** For our bishops and priests, that they may be people of prayer and wisdom,

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader 4:** For leaders in our country, that they may serve the needs of the poor as well as the rich,

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader 5:** For the student leaders in our school, that they may influence others for the good,

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader 6:** For each of us, that we may cultivate the qualities of good leadership,

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader 6:** For our own intentions, (*spontaneous petitions*)

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

## Closing Prayer

**All:** Loving God,

you conquer evil's hold on us

and bring us to new life through our Lord, Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe.

May we never cease to praise your glory

and love you with all of our hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

—Adapted from Opening Prayer, Feast of Christ the King