

## ***Mission Prayer — A Missional Practice***

*Missional practices: cultivating new understandings, ways of being, and living Christ's mission.*

### **Mission Prayer**

***God, where will your Spirit lead today?***

***Help me be fully awake and ready to respond.***

***Grant me courage to risk something new***

***and become a blessing of your love and peace.***

***Amen.***

**Purpose:** For all participants (Congregation Support Ministers, Pastor Leadership Teams, members and friends, and staff) in Leading Congregations in Mission (LCM) to pray daily to be led by the Spirit and to have courage to go where the Spirit leads. LCM is about being fully awake to God's activity in all the contexts of personal and congregational life **and** responding to God and human needs by embodying and living the concerns and passion of Christ.

### **Steps:**

1. Make a personal commitment to offer this prayer at the beginning of each day.
2. At PLT and LCM team meetings, share with one another how this prayer is impacting your sense of where God is leading and subsequent changes.
3. For the PLT, encourage members of the priesthood and the congregation to join you in using this missional practice.

### **Tips for the Process:**

Remember the importance of this missional practice becoming a new norm for your congregation. Missional practices are not just personal behaviors. As leaders, let's give the *Mission Prayer* a priority in our personal life. Look for how this missional practice helps you encounter God, deepens relationships and builds community, and promotes hospitality and healing by "loving your neighbor" in contexts outside of the congregation. Consider recording your daily experiences and reflections in a journal.

Then share your experience with the congregation.