

CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
[All make the Sign of the Cross.]

Lord, we thank you for the gift of this time together. We offer it to you as a gift of ourselves. We thank you for being with us—for speaking to our hearts, strengthening our faith, and reminding us that we are not alone. We pray that the transformation begun in us this day will continue. Amen.

**As a declaration of our faith in God’s presence with us,
let us pray together the words of Psalm 23:**

All: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name’s sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long. Amen.

Leader: Let us close our time together by sharing with one another a Sign of Peace.
[Participants can greet one another and share a time of fellowship.]

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