

## OPENING PRAYER FOR THE BIBLE STUDY

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

The Angelus Prayer:

Leader: The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary

All: And she conceived by the Holy Spirit

Leader: Hail Mary.....All: Holy Mary.....

Leader: Behold the handmaid of the Lord

All: Be it done unto me according to your word

Leader: Hail Mary.....All: Holy Mary.....

Leader: The Word became Flesh

All: And dwelt among us

Leader: Hail Mary...All: Holy Mary

Leader: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Leader: Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Heavenly Father, we thank you for the day and this sacred evening of our weekly bible study. Open our eyes, minds and hearts to your truth in the Holy Bible. We pray for wisdom and clarity in our desire to learn more about Your Son, Jesus, in the gospels for our transformation. May the gospel of Jesus guide us in our spiritual path, convict us, correct us in our failures and show your divine sparks in our world of darkness and confusions that we may always walk in your light. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Let us be blessed by your word today as we read and mediate on the gospel truths with our fellow parishioners, families and friends. Lord Jesus, after the Resurrection, you appeared, walked with the disciples of Emmaus, explained to them the Holy Scriptures, stayed with them at their invitation and then they recognized you and experienced you. We ask you the same. Stay with us this evening and explain your words to us and enlighten our minds and hearts so that we may recognize you, experience you and have your presence in our life journey. St. Joseph, in this special year of yours, Intercede for us to your Son. Bless us, our families, our friends and our parish family that we may bear abundant fruits in our christian life.

Priest: Our Father..... Glory be to....