

# Groups of the Spirit (GOTS) | Gathering Prayer | A Servant Prayer for Autumn

*Adapted from the GOTS mission, BCP 840 #7, and Kaleidoscope Institute (Eric Lan) resources*

## *Prayer Intentions:*

- Weave God into the mix, given GOTS are church-sponsored gatherings ☺
- Honor our Mission Covenant Goals of supporting faith formation across all ages and stages, deepening our welcome (of our diverse journeys of faith), building authentic relationships across similarities and differences, and to create a shared experience across the various GOTS.

## *Instructions:*

1. Choose a prayer leader to lead this prayer, near the beginning of your time together.
2. If you don't have copies for everyone, find it online at <http://saintjudes.org/groups-spirit-gots>
3. All are invited to share during in the "circle prayer" section, and of course, each may "pass for now" or "pass" all together!

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## *Prayer Leader:*

Let us pray: "This is what we are all about: we plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water the seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We cannot do everything, and there's a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and to the rest. We may never see the end result, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities." Including these 'seeds' we now name aloud or silently...

## *Circle prayer:*

*Going around the circle, each are invited to share in a word or phrase one 'seed' you are nurturing in your life right now. You may "pass for now" and we will return to you before continuing or you may "pass" altogether. After all have had an opportunity to share, then close with...*

*All:* **"We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future that is not our own." Continuing with God's help, *Amen*.**