

## **OBLATE MEETING**

January 12, 2020

- 12:30 – 1:25    Opening Prayer  
                    Discussion of reading in small groups
- 1:25 – 1:30    Reassemble into large group
- 1:30 – 1:40    Sharing of responses
- 1:40 – 2:00    Break
- 2:00 – 2:25    Lectio: Small groups
- 2:25 – 2:45    Quiet/Journal time
- 2:45 – 3:00    Announcements, Closing Prayer

## **OPENING PRAYER**

(In unison)

We invite You in now,  
You who are already here,  
To burst forth into our awareness and into our human experience,  
More deeply, more powerfully, more substantially than ever before.  
We no longer look to the wings of a sparrow to carry us,  
But we look to the wings of the eagle within us.  
Dear God, please carry us home.  
Amen.

## CLOSING PRAYER

(Pass the mike; one line each person)

Dear God,

We pray for this our world.

We ask that You remove the walls that separate us and the chains that hold us down.

Use us to create a new world on earth, one that reflects Your will, Your vision, Your peace.

In this moment, we recognize the power You have given us to create anew the world we want.

Now, in this moment, we ask for new light.

Illumine our minds.

May we no longer be at war with each other.

May we no longer be at war within ourselves.

Flow through us, work through us, that in our lives we might see the illuminated world.

Create, sustain that world on earth, dear God, for us and for our children.

So may it be.

So may it be.

Amen.

Note: Opening and closing prayers are from Illuminata, Marianne Williamson

## LECTIO

We can have the attitude . . . that we have the day to plan, all these activities in which we must engage, and then, somehow or other, prayer to be fitted in. Or we can have the attitude that we have prayers to say, and look upon the work we have to do as flowing from our prayer.

--Cardinal Basil Hume, OSB