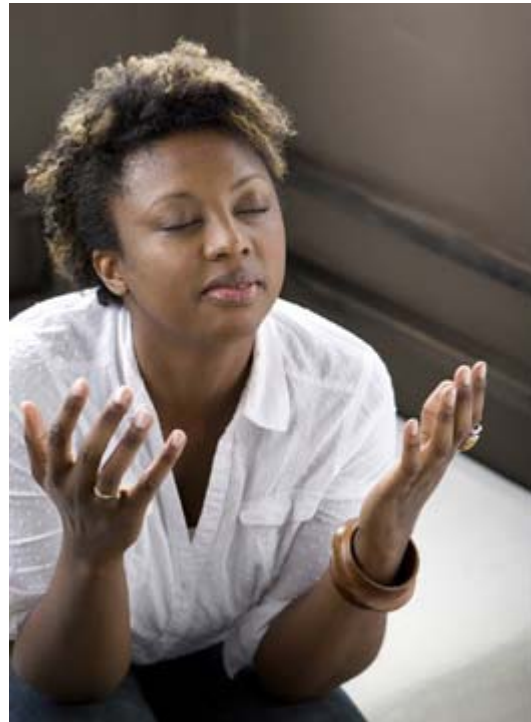


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The Call to Discipleship

During Lent, Christians experience the sacred call to discipleship in a profound way. In this liturgical season, all Christians, regardless of their denomination, share a common desire for a renewed commitment as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Christians make sincere efforts to respond with forgiving and loving hearts during Lent. We seek to honestly assess our gifts and our weaknesses, our successes and our failures. With greater intention we pray and reflect upon our life experiences in the light of the Gospel. We recommit ourselves to actions on behalf of justice, peace and reverence for creation. In so responding, we become clear witnesses to the faith that urges us to follow Jesus through death to new life, the commitment we celebrate during the Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.



Our discipleship deepens as we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit, as we follow Jesus Christ, and as we grow in love for Him. A sense of solidarity develops as we journey with others who have accepted this same invitation to further God's Reign. We claim our identity as daughters and sons of God, and as brothers and sisters. This solidarity gives birth to the conviction that our companions also include the Communion of Saints, the community of those who have gone before us in death and who now live a new life in the Risen Christ.

The invitation to be a disciple of Jesus Christ is a personal one and calls for a personal response. It begins with one's experience of God's unconditional love, inviting a free response of love. We ask for the grace to respond with a loving heart. This Lent, as we recommit ourselves to discipleship, may we experience and celebrate our solidarity with one another and our union with God.

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