

Bright Drops

God is the friend of silence.

See how nature - trees, flowers, grass- grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls.

Mother Teresa

Spend some time with God today, and you will be blessed and refreshed.

- 1. Get quiet. Turn off the radio and TV, step away from your computer, put away your phone, and find a quiet spot to simply rest in God's presence.**
- 2. Write out your prayers in a dedicated notebook; these can be for others or yourself. Then spend time in prayer.**
- 3. Go for a walk and talk with God. Share your heart: what is troubling you, what you are thankful for, and your hopes and dreams. He listens.**

CDM Kampung-ku Connection

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Living out the Word in Community

Opening prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your love and for blessing us with this time to meet virtually as a BEC. As we come together, we pray that you will be in our midst and touch our hearts through the sharing and reflection which we will have today. We pray for those who are unable to join us tonight that they too will experience your love through the community. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

<https://youtu.be/yx8hBj9UXhk>

“**There is none like You**”- listen to this hymn together and invite Jesus into your space right now as you discuss, share and seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to use you where you are placed.

According to the Oxford Dictionary, a **community** is a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common. For example, the neighbour staying beside me forms a community with me by means of accommodation.

A community is also formed in:

- Church through our faith;
- Schools as the means for us to seek education;
- Workplace, where we earn an honest living.

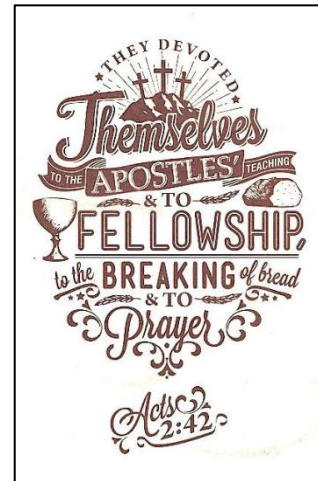
“These have been my struggles as a Christian, how can I live the Word in the community? Do people see me as a Christian at my workplace? Or do I choose to behave differently to fit into the secular world in order to be accepted by the community? There are times when I shy away from answering questions about my faith from a non-Christian. There are times when I feel ashamed to pray in public before meals. How can I live out the Word in my community?”

Discussion

1. Have you had such experiences as shared in the passage?
2. What are some ways which has helped you live out the Word in school/ workplace/ neighbourhood?

Acts 2: 42 – 47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. *Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.* All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spend much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the good will of all the people. *And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.*



Ponder:

The early Church was faithful to the Church's teaching, participating in mass and prayer. They too were actively helping the community by attending to their needs. These actions have touched all those around them and soon they see God's love and believe in Him.

Takeaway:

Here are some ways which we can live out the Word of God like the early Christians. They are also great opportunities to do simple Works of Mercy.

- Serving in Church ministry
- Visit and pray for the sick and elderly
- Be bold to share about our faith when asked by our colleagues/ friends
- Almsgiving to the poor
- Volunteer at charitable homes and soup kitchen

Closing prayer:

God our Loving Father, as we conclude the sharing and reflection tonight, we pray that we will be bold to live out the Word in the community. We pray that we will be your instrument in touching the lives of others so that they will come to experience your love. May I decrease and you increase in my life so that your will be done. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Closing Hymn: <https://youtu.be/YqjivEw7gzE>

"Trading my sorrow "
