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SEASON OF CREATION 2022

Prayer Services for the Season of Creation
from the Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton, Iowa
Directions for Week One:
Cinema Divina Prayer Service

General directions for leading a prayer service:

(If you have led prayer services before, you probably do not need this section.)

1. If you are new to leading prayer services or are gathering together a new group for prayer, we encourage you to be creative and engage this prayer service in the way that best suits those you are praying with. For example, if you are praying with a family with young children, you might want to adjust the language to better suit a younger audience.
2. We have created a “Presider” role that can be filled by one person. You may also invite different people to lead the various sections of the prayer service.
3. The prayer service is formatted so that you can visually see when there can be a pause between sections. If there is a break between lines, pause before reading the next section of the prayer service. This will enable participants to more fully reflect on the prayer.

What you will need for the Cinema Divina Prayer Service:

1. You need a person (or persons) to lead the prayer service. Encourage this person to be comfortable with silence as participants reflect on the questions included in this form of prayer.
2. You will need a way to share the YouTube video. Set up the video prior to the prayer service so that it is ready for you to view it.
3. You will need copies of the Cinema Divina Prayer Service and the Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace prayer.

Specific Directions for the Cinema Divina Prayer Service:

1. Watching the YouTube video of *The Soil Story* is the central section of this prayer service. Encourage participants to view the video in a reflective way so that they are open to God in the viewing and during the reflection that follows.
2. Give enough time for the group to prayerfully reflect on the video. People are sometimes hesitant to share during prayer. To encourage sharing, the presider can wait patiently for others to share and also share their own reflections.
3. Depending on how many people are gathered for prayer, you might want to split into smaller groups to share during this time.