



LITURGY OF COMMITMENT

The following liturgy may be used for those who want to make a public commitment to a shared Way of Life. A wooden cross pin badge or other cross chosen by the community can be worn as a sign of this commitment.

Opening

Beloved in Christ, through prayer and discernment you have been called by God to commit to the shared Way of Life of (add church or community name). This will be an experiment in Staying with God through (add postures), Sharing the Journey through (add postures) and Serving our World through (add postures).

We ask all of you who wish to commit to this shared Way of Life:

What do you seek?

We seek to live the gospel with the Spirit of simplicity, compassion, forgiveness and joy.

What grace do you ask?

The mercy of God and the community of my sisters and brothers

From where will your help come?

Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth

Silence



The Blessing of the Crosses

Almighty God, bless these crosses as a sign of our shared Way of Life. May it become for those who wear it a sign of resurrection revealed both in the pain and hope of this cross.

I now invite you to make your promise of commitment.

Most high and everlasting God accept me now as I come before you in love.

I dedicate myself to the service of my Lord Jesus Christ, through (add postures), with perseverance and with thanksgiving - I want to live the Gospel. O Lord give me grace. Amen.

My beloved in Christ, receive this cross as a sign of your commitment to our shared Way of Life. May it remind you of the dedication you have made this day and encourage you in this path of discipleship to which you have been called.

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