

We've Come This Far by Faith

Gather

Gathering Song

Opening Prayer

Listen

Luke 6:17–26

Stories of Heroes and Role Models of Faith

Respond

Prayer Leader: For as long as the sun shines and the waters flow, may we remember and honor all men and women of faith and the legacy they left, for their eyes were like the eagle, their strength like the elephant, and the boldness of their lives like the lion.

Blessed are Saint Martin de Porres and Thomy Lafon, who saw the needs of the poor and stretched out their hearts and hands.

All Respond: *For theirs is the kingdom.*

Prayer Leader: Blessed are Coretta Scott King, Myrlie Evers, and Betty Shabazz, who mourn the death of their husbands and the death of some of the hopes of their people.

All Respond: *For they shall be comforted.*

Prayer Leader: Blessed are Nathan Jones, Harriet Tubman, Henry Garnet, and Sojourner Truth, who hungered for righteousness.

All Respond: *For they shall be satisfied.*

Prayer Leader: Blessed are the clean of heart, sisters Felicitas and Perpetua, Moses the Black, and the Martyrs of Uganda.

All Respond: *For they shall see God.*

Prayer Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Mary McLeod Bethune, and Barbara Jordan.

All Respond: *For they shall be called the children of God.*

Prayer Leader: Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of slander against you.

All Respond: *Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.*

Go Forth

Concluding Prayer

All Respond: Amen! Amen!

Sign of Peace

Closing Song