



Closing Reflection Activity Questions and Closing Prayer

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- Did anything surprise you about your experience today?
- What did you learn about service?
- What did you learn about those you served and those who served with you?
- What did you learn about yourself?
- What were some of the feelings you had during the experience?
- How was being a part of a team—a community—helpful to you today?
- In what ways does the organization or the group of people you worked with impress, inspire, challenge, or motivate you to give of yourself in service to others?
- In what ways can you continue to support, into the future, the organization or the people you served today?

Closing Prayer

Response

God of joy, help us to see with your eyes,
that we may see each person as your creation
and reach out to all our sisters and brothers.

God of Hope, help us to hear with your ears,
that we may hear all who cry out
and bring hope to the forgotten, the frightened,
and the oppressed.

God of Love, help us to love like you,
that we may be messengers of mercy
and transform the world with your love.

Inspire us. Challenge us. Be with us.

And make us one in you.

Amen.

Dismissal and Sign of Peace

Leader 1: “The way of the Church is precisely to leave her four walls behind and to go out in search of those who are distant, those on the ‘outskirts’ of life.” —Pope Francis (homily at Mass with new cardinals, February 15, 2015)

Leader 2: God of mercy, be with us as we leave the four walls behind. Give us the courage to feed the hungry, reach out to the lost, and live out the call to mercy in the world.

Leader 1: Let us end our time together today by continuing to tear down walls by offering one another a sign of peace.

(The quote by Pope Francis on this handout is from his homily at Mass with new cardinals, February 15, 2015, at https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2015/documents/papa-francesco_20150215_omelia-nuovi-cardinali.html.)

