

# RE-ENCULTURATION

PRAYER | COMMUNITY | SIMPLICITY | SERVICE

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## Opening Prayer

*Read aloud together*

I never look at the masses –

I look only at the individual.

I can love only one person at a time.

I can feed only one person at a time.

Just one, one, one.

So you begin- I begin.

The whole world is only a drop in the ocean.

But, if we don't put the drop in,

the ocean would be one drop less.

Same thing for you, same thing for your family,

same thing in the church where you go.

Just begin – one, one, one.

“I was hungry, and you gave me to eat.

I was naked, and you clothed me.

I was homeless, and you took me in.”

Hungry not only for bread –

but hungry for love.

Naked not only for clothing –

but naked for human dignity and respect.

Homeless not only for want of a room of bricks –

but homeless because of rejection.

This is Christ in distressing disguise.

*- Caring for the Individual - Blessed Teresa of Calcutta*

## Group Discussion

*Record responses and eventually compile and send out to everyone*

What did we learn at the farm? Especially regarding:

Food issues

Service

Simplicity

Prayer

Sustainability

Community

How do we live these things on our campus, and in our city, in the here and now? How can we work for these things on the day to day and the systematic levels?

How are we going to hold each other accountable as individuals and as a group?

Suggestions: keep meeting to check-in and hangout, service trips

## Accountability Partners

*Accountability Partners will be used throughout the post trip meetings as a way for participants to talk to about your faith life and journey since returning home. Partners will share their goals and check-in every as a way to encourage and support following through with what they intend.*

*As leader, you may choose to assign accountability partners or have them choose their own.*

## Check-In & Sharing

*Introduce the idea of Accountability Partners to the group. Have them meet with their partner and discuss the following questions:*

- What do you most want to take with you from your experience at Bethlehem Fam?
- How are you going to live these things on our campus, and in your city, in the here and now? How can you work for these things on the day to day and the systematic levels? What are you going to commit to as an individual?
- How will you hold each other accountable?
  - Examples: Set up regular check-ins, hangouts, or coffee runs.

## I Will Not Die an Unlived Life

*Have participants read the “I Will Not Die an Unlived Life” handout. Participants should then write down the action(s) they intend to commit to doing. They may use examples from the group discussion, their accountability partner discussion or come up with something on their own. When finished, they should sign their paper.*

I will not die an unlived life.  
I will not live in fear of falling or catching fire.  
I choose to inhabit my days,  
to allow my living to open me,  
to make me less afraid, more accessible,  
to loosen my heart until it becomes a wing, a torch, a promise.  
I choose to risk my significance;  
to live so that which came to me as a seed  
goes to the next as a blossom,  
goes on as fruit  
~ by Dawna Markova ~

## Closing Prayer

*Close by reading aloud Dawna Markova’s “I Will Not Live an Unlived Life”*

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By Dawna Markova



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I commit to:

Name: