

## Opening Prayer Service

**Leader 1:** Lord, we are grateful for our safe arrival here today. We come to you asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this meeting. Help us to engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of our Salt Lake DCCW.

**Leader 2:** Fill us with your grace, as we make decisions. Open our minds that we will be open to your plans for us. Help us to carry Your light through our words, our actions, and the way in which we seek to be fruitful and bloom where we are planted. We ask these things in your name, Jesus Christ. Amen.



### I Am Thankful

**Right:** I am thankful I can walk; there are those who have never taken their first step.

**Left:** I am thankful I can see the beauty all around me; there are those whose world is always dark.

**Right:** I am thankful I can hear music playing; there are those whose entire lives have been spent in silence.

**Left:** I am thankful my heart can be broken; there are those who are so hardened, they cannot be touched.

**Right:** I am thankful I can move about freely and express my beliefs; there are those who live in constant fear.

**Left:** I am thankful I have been loved; there are those for whom no one has ever cared.

**Right:** I am thankful I can work; there are those who have to depend on others for even their most basic needs.

**Left:** I am thankful to wake-up in the morning and take a deep breath of fresh air; there are those who never got that far.

**Right:** I am thankful for the opportunity to help others; there are those who have not been so abundantly blessed as I.

**All:** Lord, we ask for Your blessing upon us; we thank You that we have this great power, this wonderful wisdom, this deep insight, this flow of abundance surging through our lives, blessing us in every way. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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Hail Mary, full of grace...

## Closing Prayer

**All:** Lord, we give thanks for this time together and for your blessings over us. We are grateful for Your word which gives us direction. We are grateful for our hosting parish, Women of Saint Thomas More, for their warm hospitality and ask you to bless them.

Grant us what we need to accomplish your purpose and open our hearts daily to find you revealed in all that is around us. May we be rooted in your love and may all the potential within us be brought forth to ensure renewed life among your people.

Lord, be our guide and our protector on the journey as we return home. Watch over us and support us with Your grace when we are tired. Help us be patient in any trouble which may come our way. Keep us always mindful of Your presence and love. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

“Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings.” — William Arthur Ward