



# Table Prayer Sacrifice (Corpus Christi)

## Table Center

- Bread (to be broken and shared) and a jug of wine/grape juice
- Large paper cross on which is written the names of some contemporary Christ bearers that those gathered may recognize: Archbishop Romero, Dorothy Day, Mother Teresa, Pope John Paul II. As part of the gathering activity you may want to add the names of those the group mentions.

## + We Gather...

*Begin by saying...*

We gather at this table to celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). We remember today the ultimate sacrifice of Christ—his life. As we gather, let us pause and remember others who have shown us what it looks like to pour out one's life in service to God. I invite you, as you share this person, to break off a piece of bread from our loaf to symbolize how we are called to be broken and shared as Christ is broken and shared through the breaking of bread at Eucharist.

*Invite those gathered to break off a piece of bread and name people that have shown them what service and sacrifice look like.*

## + We Tell the Story...

*Invite someone to proclaim the Scripture reading...*

When we drink from the cup that we ask God to bless, isn't that sharing in the blood of Christ? When we eat the bread that we break, isn't that sharing in the body of Christ? By sharing in the same loaf of bread, we become one body, even though there are many of us. (1 Corinthians 10:16-17)

## + We Bless Our Food...

*We pray...*

"Lord Jesus Christ, we worship you living among us in the sacrament of your body and blood. Bless this food we have set before us, may it renew us to offer our brothers and sisters a life poured out in loving service of your kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever, Amen."

*(Alternative Opening Prayer for Corpus Christi)*

## + We Go Forth...

*Have those gathered sign their names on the cross as a sign of their commitment to love and sacrifice as Christ did.*