



**Prayer before lunch to benefit *Solutions Center*,  
a women's shelter in Fond du Lac, WI**

Lord, you have said "Blessed are the poor ... for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"-

we ask your blessing on those who will sleep in their cars or under a bridge or behind a building tonight. Be a comfort to them in the night and bring them safely to a new day.

You said "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst ... for they will be filled" - we ask your blessing on those who will go hungry yet another day today. We ask you to place generous people in their paths to feed their bodies and fill their souls with hope.

You said "Blessed are those who mourn and who are persecuted ... for they will be comforted" -

we ask your blessing on those who will be hurt today and taken by surprise by acts of violence from the very people they trust and love the most. Be with them in their fear and confusion and shame and give them the courage to take those first painful steps in seeking assistance.

You said "Blessed are the merciful ... for they will be shown mercy" -

we call down your abundant blessings on those present here today who have been so merciful ... so supportive of Solutions Center. We thank them for their generous outpouring of time, talent and treasure to assist those who are in need because of domestic violence, economic misfortune, addiction or illness.

Finally, we thank you for the food we are about to share; we ask your blessing on those who have prepared it and will serve it. We ask your blessing on our conversation and the companionship we are fortunate enough to share today.