

# Prayer Service



Sister Mary Ellen Johnston

October 23, 1920—October 31, 2023

Nazareth Center Chapel

November 7, 2023

11:00 a.m.

## Welcome

### Opening Song: *Center of My Life*—BB #508

**Leader:** Most loving and compassionate God, Sister Mary Ellen is gone now from this earthly dwelling. We give You thanks as we celebrate her life, hold her memory with gratitude, and live in the hope of the eternal kingdom where you will bring us together again. **All: Amen.**

### Prayer to Our Lady of Knock

Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Ireland, Your presence at Knock touched the lives of many faithful throughout the world as well as the lives of those who actually saw you there.

Knowing we can call upon you to intercede with God on our behalf gives us consolation in times of need. Amen.

**Song:** *Immaculate Mary*—BB #198

**Antiphon:** <sup>All</sup> **My soul is longing for the living God.**

### Psalm 84

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!  
My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the  
Lord. My heart and my flesh cry out for the living  
God.
- 2 Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a  
nest in which she puts her young.  
Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God!

- 1 Happy are they who dwell in your house;  
continually they praise you.  
Happy the people whose strength you are;  
their hearts are set upon the pilgrimage.
- 2 When they pass through the valley of the mastic  
trees, they make a spring of it.  
The early rain clothes it with generous growth.  
They go from strength to strength;  
they shall see the God of Gods in Zion.
- 1 O Lord of hosts, hear my prayer;  
hearken, O God of Jacob.  
O God, behold our shield and look upon the face of  
your anointed.
- 2 I had rather one day in your courts than a  
thousand elsewhere;  
I had rather lie at the threshold of the house of my  
God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 1 For a sun and a shield is the Lord God.  
Grace and glory he bestows.  
The Lord withholds no good thing from those who  
walk in sincerity.
- 2 O Lord of hosts, happy the people who trust in you.

**Antiphon:** <sup>All</sup> My soul is longing for the living God.

**Reading:** *Matthew* 6:26, 33—34

**Sharing**

## Father Rehrl's Prayer

**Response to each invocation: Pray for us.**

### Prayer to St. Agnes:

Behold, what I long coveted, I already see; what I hoped for I now hold safe. To God alone I am associated in Heaven, whom on earth I loved with all devotedness.

**Leader:** Pray for us, St. Agnes.

**All:** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Let us pray:** Almighty and eternal God, who choose the weak of the world to confound the strong, mercifully grant that we, who are placed under the patronage of your virgin and martyr, Agnes, may feel the benefit of her intercession with you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### An Irish Blessing

**Closing Song:** *Irish Blessing*—BB #376 vs. 1—3

