

Prayer Service



Sister Kathleen Ries
April 28, 1941—May 4, 2025

Nazareth Center Chapel
June 5, 2025
11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Opening Song: *O How Blessed* **BB #727**

Leader: God of Faithfulness, you have called Sister
Kathleen Ries into Your loving presence. May she
be united with all the saints and rest in your peace
forever.

All: Amen

Psalm 138

Antiphon: ^{ALL} **Your name and your word are above all
forever.**

- ¹ I give you thanks, O Blessed One,
with my whole heart; before all the people
I sing your praise;
I was humbled when I came to see
that You dwell in me,
in the Sacred Chapel of all souls;
my gratitude knows no bounds!
- ² For You are the Holy One, the Life of our life.
On the day that I called, You answered me;
the strength of my soul You increased.
- ¹ All the leaders of the earth shall one day praise You,
When your Spirit Awakens in every heart;
And they shall proclaim the new dawn of Light and
Love.

2 Great will be the radiation of Your Glory!
For even as You are the Most High,
You are Friend to the lowly;
the arrogant close their hearts to your love and guidance.

1 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
You preserve my life;
You are a very Presence as I face my fears and doubts;
Your strength upholds me.

2 You guide me as I pray to fulfill
my purpose on earth;
You do not forsake those who call upon you.
Your steadfast Love and Truth endures forever.

Antiphon: ^{ALL} Your name and your word are above all forever.

Reading: Matthew 16: 24—27

Sharing

Prayer by Oscar Romero: *Prophets of a Future Not Our Own*

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.

Closing Song: *Center of My Life* **BB #475**

