

Prayer Service



Sister Marie Kees

August 22, 1928—July 6, 2025

Nazareth Center Chapel

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Opening Song: *Precious Lord* BB #660

Leader: God of Faithfulness, you have called Sister Marie Kees into Your loving embrace. May she be united with all the saints and rest in your peace forever. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen

Psalm 63

Antiphon: ^{ALL} As morning breaks, I call upon your name, O God.

¹ O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

^R **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

² Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
to see your power and your glory,
For your kindness is a greater good than life;
my lips shall glorify you.

^R **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

¹ Thus will I bless you while I live;
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
As with the riches of a banquet
shall my soul be satisfied,
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

^R **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

2 That you are my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.
My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me.

R **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Antiphon: ^{ALL} **As morning breaks, I call upon your name, O God.**

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Sharing

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: *How Great Thou Art* **BB #469**

