The following responsorial prayer is adapted from select verses of Leviticus 19. Here, the community gives the message, and the response is given by the Reader(s).

**Reader:** I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. Be careful, then, to observe all my statutes and decrees. I am the LORD. Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy.

**All:** Each of you revere your mother and father and keep my sabbaths.
**Reader:** Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy.

**All:** Do not turn aside to idols, nor make molten gods for yourselves.
**Reader:** Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy.

**All:** When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not be so thorough that you reap the field to its very edge, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. Likewise, you shall not pick your vineyard bare, nor gather up the grapes that have fallen. These things you shall leave for the poor and the alien
**Reader:** Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy.

**All:** You shall not steal. You shall not deceive or speak falsely to one another.
**Reader:** Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy.

**All:** You shall not swear falsely by my name, thus profaning the name of your God.
**Reader:** Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy.

**All:** You shall not exploit your neighbor. You shall not commit robbery.
**Reader:** Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy.

**All:** You shall not withhold overnight the wages of your laborer.
**Reader:** Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy.

**All:** You shall not insult the deaf, or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but you shall fear your God.
**Reader:** Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy.

**All:** You shall not act dishonestly in rendering judgment. Show neither partiality to the weak nor deference to the mighty, but judge your neighbor justly.
**Reader:** Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy.

**All:** You shall not go about spreading slander among your people; nor shall you stand by idly when your neighbor’s life is at stake. I am the LORD.
**Reader:** Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy.

**All:** You shall not hate any of your kindred in your heart. Reprove your neighbor openly so that you do not incur sin because of that person.
**Reader:** Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy.

**All:** Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against your own people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
**Reader:** Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy.

**All:** Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the old, and fear your God.
**Reader:** Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy.

**All:** When an alien resides with you in your land, do not mistreat such a one. You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt.
**Reader:** I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. Be careful, then, to observe all my statutes and decrees. I am the LORD.
Verse 1
You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand. You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain
Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

Verse 2
If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown. If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed. If you stand before the pow’r of hell and death is at your side, know that I am with you through it all.

Verse 3
Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs. Blessed are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me, blessed, blessed are you!
Closing Prayer

Father, thank you for what you have revealed to us today. We invite You to send us out from here in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray: together

Psalms, chapter 119

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk by the law of the LORD.

Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with all their heart.

They do no wrong; they walk in his ways.

You have given them the command to observe your precepts with care.

May my ways be firm in the observance of your statutes!

Then I will not be ashamed to ponder all your commandments.

I will praise you with sincere heart as I study your righteous judgments.

I will observe your statutes; do not leave me all alone.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Amen