



## ***Prayer Service: October 22, 2012***

**Presider:** God, come to our assistance.

**All:** Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory 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.

### ***OPENING PRAYER***

**Presider:** Lord Jesus Christ, watch over the Renewing the Church in Manville delegates. Keep them faithful to the proclamation of your message. Teach them to recognize and interpret the signs of the times. Strengthen them with the gifts of the Spirit, and help them to serve the people of Manville. Give them a vivid sense of your presence in the world and knowledge of how to show it to others.

### ***PROVERBS 3:5-6,13-14,19-22***

**All:** **Happy are those who find wisdom and gain understanding**

**Women:** Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.

**Men:** Blessed are those who find wisdom,  
those who gain understanding,  
for she is more profitable than silver  
and yields better returns than gold.

**Women:** By wisdom the Lord laid the earth's foundations,  
by understanding he set the heavens in place;  
by his knowledge the watery depths were divided,  
and the clouds let drop the dew.

**Men:** My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight,  
preserve sound judgment and discretion;  
they will be life for you,  
an ornament to grace your neck.

**All: Happy are those who find wisdom and gain understanding**

*SCRIPTURE (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)*

When I came to you, brothers, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

The Word of the Lord

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## *PRAYER FOR WISDOM AND COURAGE*

**All:** Father in Heaven, you have blessed us with many gifts.  
You chose us before the world began,  
to be your adopted sons and daughters,  
and to live through love in your presence.  
Give us wisdom and insight to know your purpose;  
give us courage to follow where your Spirit leads us,  
give us generosity to serve you in our brothers and sisters.  
We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord.  
Amen.

## *INTERCESSIONS (Response: **Come, Holy Spirit.**)*

**Presider:** For the Church: that we may experience God looking upon us with love and respond to what God asks of us today. We pray to the Lord...

**All: Come, Holy Spirit.**

**Presider:** For all believers: that the Year of Faith will be a time of renewal and growth in our understanding and practice of Christian life. We pray to the Lord...

**All: Come, Holy Spirit.**

**Presider:** For the freedom to trust: that we be freed from insecurity and live in the awareness that with God, all things are possible. We pray to the Lord ...

**All: Come, Holy Spirit.**

**Presider:** For the grace of listening: that the Word of God may enter the deepest part of our being and reveal to us the One who calls us to life and brings us to wholeness. We pray to the Lord ...

**All: Come, Holy Spirit.**

**Presider:** For a deepening of Wisdom: that we may seek after the Wisdom that surpasses all other gifts and brings us to discern the will of God for the church in Manville. We pray to the Lord ...

**All: Come, Holy Spirit.**

**Presider:** For fortitude: that God will give us strength and courage to grow spiritually through the new challenges that await us. We pray to the Lord ...

**All: Come, Holy Spirit.**

**Presider:** Let us ask these prayers through the intercession of Our Mother, Mary as we pray:

*HAIL MARY*



### *CLOSING PRAYER*

Heavenly Father, look graciously on the Church in Manville and keep it faithful to your divine message. Make it communicate that message in ways that will be understood by our people in terms of their culture and customs. Inspire our leaders with wisdom and courage in this important task. At the same time, enable all members of this Church to answer your call to spread their faith among all people. Help us all to keep the Church of Manville ever full of your grace and your teachings and alive to the needs of all who are in need – both materially and spiritually – in imitation of your divine Son and under the impulse of your Holy Spirit. Amen.