

## PARA-LITURGY OF THE WASHING OF FEET IN THE HOME

**Instruction:** This para-liturgy takes place in the presence of all the family members. The head of the house can play the role of the leader or in the absence of the head of the family any elderly person may take the role. Basin, towel, water and a jug may be prepared ahead of time.

The Family gather around in front of the altar and the following antiphon is said together.

### PART 1: LITURGY OF THE WORD

Antiphon: “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants,[a] for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.  
(John 15:12-15)

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Leader: May the name of the Lord be blessed.

All: Now and Forever more

Leader: May God be Praised

All: Now and Forever more

Leader: ***Let us pray***  
The Lord said, “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and do so correctly, for that is what I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you too ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example – you should do just as I have done for you.”  
Lord, we are gathered here as a family. We pray that we will continue to adhere to your commandment - to love one another - by serving and respecting each other. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

**Scripture Reading John 13:1-17**

### PART 2: WASHING OF FEET

**Instruction:** All may be seated. The elder in the family will wash the feet of each of the family members. Then, the rest of the family members will do likewise. The youngest will wash the feet of the rest of the family members last.

**Instruction:** This family washing of the feet will end with the kiss of peace/embrace of peace.

#### Final Prayer

Leader: Lord, we pray that the message of Christ and his sacrifice is the root of gratitude in our hearts. That His gracious gift leads us to thankful living, setting an example for all of us. That we will grow to have our own personal relationship with Jesus and that we would grow in gratitude for everything that come in our ways. We make this prayer through Christ ur Lord.

All: Amen

**Instruction:** A hymn might be sung after the final prayer.