

# SHARING A PIECE OF HEAVEN

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## Start your meeting with prayer. Someone read: 2 Timothy 1:5-7

I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first existed in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am convinced that this faith also exists in you. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of hands. For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and of a sound mind.

## Listen to the cd or read the script.

The song is *Pour out compassion and mercy* from the Album *Woman's song of God* by Marie Cox Rsm

## Share from these reflection starters:

- Silently re-read the Scripture: what strikes you.
- Is the power, hope & Truth of the Resurrection of Jesus, central to your daily life and Faith? Why or why not?
- Disciples are called to live aware of 'an extra piece of heaven' over our head? What do you think Pope Francis means? How does Mary help us live like this as Marists?
- "When Christians fall, they always rise again." What is your experience of rising above struggles, fears and difficulties and still hoping in the unhoped for through Jesus?
- Pray with each other for any fears or struggles and for what you each need to fan the gift of Faith into a flame in your life as Mary did.

## Pope Francis' March 2018 Intention

### **Evangelization: Formation in Spiritual Discernment**

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on personal and community levels.

When our life radiates Christian joy and hope, we awaken in young people the desire to give themselves to follow Christ.

*Marist Brothers Constitutions n.82 C.Larkin, A Certain Way*

Pray for your needs/intentions concluding with this prayer.

## Closing Prayer

*Dear Lord, as I look at my life, I realize I am not as on fire for You as I could be. Help me to see the true state of my heart. Build up my courage so that I can share your hope, love and hospitality more freely. Forgive me for allowing the fire of the Holy Spirit to burn low in my life. Teach me to fan into flame those things You have given me, so that through my simple daily efforts I can somehow become a little piece of heaven for others. From this prayer on, stir up my Faith and fan into flame the things You have given me. I want to be a blessing to those you have given me to love! Thank You, Lord, for helping me each day to live this prayer. Mary, first disciple, pray for us, Amen.*