

HOW GROUPS ARE A BLESSING.

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Start your meeting with the Sign of the Cross & prayer.

Someone read: 1 Peter 2:8-11

Therefore be clear minded and self controlled so that you can pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift they have received to serve others. Faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, do so as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.

Listen to the cd or read the script.

The song is *'When You are Loved'* from **Reason to Believe**, Janice Bateman & Chris Skinner.

Share from these reflection starters:

- Silently re-read the Scripture: share what strikes you.
- Mary Anne is talking about her experience of a Marian Mothers group. What groups have been important in your life and why?
- What are some ways that a group can help people feel they belong in a parish?
- Being vulnerable and open with members in a group brings blessings both ways. What characteristics are needed for a group to develop openness and trust among its members?
- What examples from Scripture help you reflect as a Marist on the importance of hospitality, service and love to one another.



Henderson Marian Mothers Group

Pope Francis' November Intentions for Christians in Asia

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

Pray for all your needs and intentions and conclude with this prayer.

Mary, you experienced hospitality with Elizabeth and Zechariah, you lived it in Bethlehem, Egypt and Nazareth. Jesus, you created free space where the stranger could enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them a space where change can take place. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, help us through your intercession to make our homes, our group and our parish places of hospitality, where the love of God can be experienced and shared. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord, Amen