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### For God so loved...

*“Go tell John what you have seen and heard...” Lk 7:22*

**Leader:** You are the One who gathers us, loving God.

**All:** Blessed are You. You are the beginning and the end of our day. You bind us together in this place in respect, dignity and trust.

**Reading:** The disciples of John told him about all these things. John summoned two of his disciples and sent them to the Lord to ask, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another? When the men came to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?’ At that time, He cured many of their diseases, sufferings, and evil spirits; He also granted sight to many who were blind. And, He said to them in reply: “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me.”

**Reflection:** How has God touched your life and bestowed love on you?

**(Pause)**

**Left:** Lord, inspire in us a true longing for holiness, so that we can sense You in the depths of our being;

**Right:** A true desire to renew our lives, so that we can rejoice in You in every moment of the day:

**All:** A true yearning to love others, so that we can see You especially in the faces of the poor.

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**Leader:** Loving God, we come into Your presence so aware of our human frailty and yet overwhelmed by Your love for us. We thank You that You are always here with us and that Your love never fails. If we climb to the highest mountain, You are there; and yet, if we find ourselves in the darkest valley of life, You are there. Teach us today to love You more. Help us to rest in that love that asks nothing more than the simple trusting heart of a child. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.