

**World  
Youth Day  
Madrid 2011**

16-21 AUGUST

PLANTED AND BUILT UP IN JESUS CHRIST,  
FIRM IN THE FAITH (SAINT PAUL)



## A Scripture Resource~ Opening up the Word!

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### *Space:*

In the centre of the room place either a cross, or an icon of Christ, if it is suitable you might expose the Blessed Sacrament.

Opening Hymn: WYD song 2011 (opportunity for groups to become familiar with this as they will be hearing/singing it all week!)

In Spanish, includes score:

[http://www.madrid11.com/images/stories/descargar/himno/partitura\\_letra\\_acordes.pdf](http://www.madrid11.com/images/stories/descargar/himno/partitura_letra_acordes.pdf)

In English:

[http://www.madrid11.com/images/stories/descargar/himno/english\\_version.pdf](http://www.madrid11.com/images/stories/descargar/himno/english_version.pdf)

International version:

[http://www.madrid11.com/images/stories/descargar/himno/versin\\_internacional.pdf](http://www.madrid11.com/images/stories/descargar/himno/versin_internacional.pdf)

Opening Prayer

The core of our Christian faith is the one who says himself: I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. I am the Resurrection. I have come that they may have life.

1. First Reading: Colossians 2:6-8

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Matthew 5

Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## Reflection/ Ideas for groups

Re-read the texts silently. Questions for group reflection:

- In the first reading, what does it mean to be rooted in Jesus Christ; to continue to live your lives in him?
- The Gospel of Matthew provides us with an insight into this task? Those rooted in Christ are the 'Poor in Spirit', 'those who mourn', 'the merciful', 'those who hunger and thirst for righteousness' etc.
- Re-read the Gospel silently. Is there a word or phrase that stands out for you?
- Stay with that word or phrase, repeat it silently. What relevance has that phrase for you today?
- Is it calling you to action? That action may simply be thanksgiving in prayer, a particular petition or a specific **action**.



## Pray Scripture.

Taking the Lord's prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) read the following and explore the questions that follow.

The Our Father

St Matthew says that Jesus taught his followers this prayer as part of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) when he spoke to them about the kingdom of God. Jesus said that people should pray to God in the following way:

Our Father in heaven,  
May your name be held holy,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
As we have forgiven those who are in debt to us.  
And do not put us to the test,  
But save us from the evil one.'

Each word or phrase of the Lord's Prayer carries a very important meaning for Christians.

Questions: What phrases in the Lord's Prayer reflect:

1. Praise and thanksgiving?
2. Petition?
3. Penitence?



### Prayers of intercession

Take a line from the Gospel text e.g.

1. Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God

Lord, we pray for all those who work tirelessly for peace in this world. We pray for peace in countries such as Libya. We pray for peace in our own hearts...

We pray to the Lord...