

# World Youth Day Madrid 2011

16-21 AUGUST

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

## Service of the Word ~ Reflecting on the text through drama

**Space:** Should be inviting, with a focus. E.g.: In the center of the room place either a cross, or an icon of Christ, Bible, if it is suitable you might expose the Blessed Sacrament. Cloths, candles, pictures connected to themes of the gospel. You could also invite the group to prepare the space in advance and base it on the text for that day.



### Music Options: *Firmes en la Fe* ~ WYD song 2011

This is an opportunity for groups to become familiar with the WYD theme as they will be hearing/singing it all week in Madrid!. Pop and soul version is more accessible from here <http://www.madrid11.com/en/press-office/downloads/346-himno-2011>

**In Spanish and includes music 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)

**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:

We remember that we are in God's presence. Holy Spirit, we believe the Scriptures were inspired by you and written by God-filled people who reflected on their encounters with Jesus in their own lives. As we are about to read the Word of God, we ask you to be with us and inspire us.



## First Reading: Colossians 2:1-8

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

I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. <sup>2</sup> My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup> I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. <sup>5</sup> For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is. 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.



The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

You may like to have the group re-read this scripture passage more slowly, silently, for a second time before moving to the Gospel

## Gospel Reading:

### **Matthew 5**

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.

The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Opening the Word through drama:

What better way to "break open" the Gospel for young people and adults than through drama? This is **re-telling** the story: Every reading of the text is a re-reading through the eyes of the reader and through the time of the reader. It is never literal, never one true reading as it is always read in a different time and space.



- Ask the group to re-tell (to **re**-member) the text. This may be prepared as a drama before the service.
- The gospel could be **re**-membered through a 'modern-day' version of the text.
- Using music and mime can also have powerful impacts.
- Ask the group to re-write the text in their own words, their own beatitudes.



## Prayers of intercession

Ask the group to prepare 4-5 prayers of intercession before the service. The first line of each prayer may come from the Gospel, so that each prayer is rooted in the text.

Take a line from the Gospel 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, **Lord hear our prayer.**

*Pause for silent prayer*



**Our Father...**

**Concluding prayer:**

Lord, as we journey together towards World Youth Day in Madrid, we have listened to Your word; we re-member Your word. Help us to live the Gospel in our daily life. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Amen.

