

Additional Resources:

https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost_letters/1988/documents/hf_jp-ii_apl_19880815_mulieris-dignitatem.html
<https://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/novenas/p04052.htm>
(closing prayer)

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Morning of Grace™



Theme

St. Edith Stein (St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross) models for us her love of God and neighbor through her disposition of openness, persevering spirit and search for truth.

Grace

I pray for the grace to have the disposition of openness to surrender my will to God in all circumstances.

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Opening Song: Women of Grace

We are Women of Grace 'round the throne of the Lord most high. And we lift our praise from the depths of our souls hear our cry.

Oh Lamb of God,
It is our one desire
To seek your holy face,
To be Women of Grace

We'll shout with joy from the mountain top,
As we enter your courts with praise;
All that we do Lord, We offer to you, Lord
Oh, hear us as we pray

Opening Prayer: Fifth Sorrowful Mystery, The Crucifixion. Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdala. (Jn. 19:25). Mary surrenders everything to God. What do I need to surrender to God at this moment?

Teaching: DVD/Video - St. Edith Stein, Woman for our Times (part 1 of 2 parts) (end at 29:42) # 14248 <https://www.womenofgrace.com/tv/932>

Guest Speaker:

Prayer for Ourselves and Speaker:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

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O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Reflection Questions:

1. St. Edith Stein wrote, "One who belongs to Christ must experience the whole life of Christ and must someday enter upon the way of the cross, to Gethsemane and Golgotha."

This suffering encompassed mental and physical agony. Given my current circumstances, how does my faith strengthen me?

2. Pope Saint John Paul II stated in *Mulieris Dignitatem* "Even in the face of serious social discrimination, holy women have acted "freely, strengthened by their union with Christ." Edith Stein observed the humble silent woman with the market basket in the church as well as the strong faith of her friend's widow. These experiences prompted her to search for Truth. How is Jesus inspiring me to be a holy witness for my faith in our world today?

Reflection: Ave Maria

Group Sharing: Confidential

Announcements: See Page 3 of Brochure

Closing Prayer: For Our Priests and To St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (see attachment)

Closing Song: For Such a Time as This