

# Committee Reflection

*March*

## Opening Prayer:

Holy God, bless us in our time together  
so that we will be doing your will  
in everything we do.

Help us to put aside our pride and ego  
that seeks only what we want,  
so that we can be filled with your Spirit  
that leads us to want what you want.

Hear us in silence  
as we center ourselves in you  
and ask you to guide us this evening...



## David Steindl-Rast, *Gratefulness, the Heart of Prayer*

To have faith does not primarily mean believing something, but rather believing in someone. Faith is trust. It takes courage to trust. The opposite of faith is not disbelief, but distrust, fear. Fear makes us cling to anything within reach. Fear clings even to beliefs. Thus, beliefs can even get in the way of faith. In genuine faith we hold our beliefs firmly, but lightly. We trust in God, not in our particular understanding of God. That is why people of deep faith are one at heart, even though their beliefs may differ widely. When beliefs become more important than

faith, even small differences create insurmountable barriers.

## Reflection Questions

- What points or thoughts stand out to you?
- What does this tell you about what the focus of our ministry and mission should be?