

# + MARK OF A DISCIPLE



## Classroom Prayer

### Claimed for Christ

#### SIGN OF THE CROSS

We have been marked with the sign of faith  
and claimed for Christ our Savior by the sign of the cross:  
In the name of the + Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

#### GREETING

**Leader** The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with all of you. 2 Timothy 4:22  
**All** And with your spirit.

**Leader** The sign of the cross is the mark of the disciple.  
Jesus humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. (Phil. 2:8)  
The message of the cross to us who are being saved is the power of God. (See 1 Cor. 1:18)

**Leader** We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
**All** for He is our salvation, our life and our resurrection;  
through Him we are saved and made free.

**Leader** Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother,  
Mary of Magdala and the disciple whom He loved. (See Jn. 19:25)

**Leader** We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,  
**All** because by your holy cross  
you have redeemed the world.

**Leader** Jesus said to his disciples,  
"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,  
take up his cross, and follow me. (Mk. 8:35)

**All** Save us savior of the world.  
By your cross and resurrection you have set us free.



#### DISCUSSION QUESTION

A cross is a reminder of our baptism — marked as disciples with the sign of the cross — a spiritual tattoo for all eternity. Placing a cross or crucifix in churches, homes, in classrooms or meeting rooms or wearing a cross on our person, gives witness to Jesus' victory of the Cross. Do you have a crucifix or cross in your home? in your bedroom? How does it speak to you?

#### PRAYER FOR END OF CLASS

**Leader** Let us pray.  
May the Lord accept all we do this day for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of his holy Church.  
In the name of the + Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**All** Thanks be to God. May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Gal 6:14)

