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## For Reflection

- How God is calling you?
- Are you seeking to deepen your prayer-life?
- Considering a call to rostered ministry?

After you have reflected on these questions, you are invited continue this conversation with a trusted friend, your pastor, a diaconal minister and your Bishop.

## A Prayer

Gracious God, you lead us like a shepherd, restore our souls and provide for the needs of all your people. We give you thanks for the gift of being called through baptism. Open our hearts and minds that we may discern where to share our gifts, witness and service for the welfare of the community. We give you thanks for the faithful work of deacons and pastors. Send your Spirit to journey closely with those who are considering a call to rostered ministry. Bless us as all as we respond to the call to journey together for the ministry of reconciliation. In Jesus name we pray. *Amen*.



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