



# Celebrate the Goodness of God!

## PRAYER SERVICE

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“We must place all our confidence in the good God;  
you and I ought to do nothing but that from morning to night,  
saying to God: ‘My God, this is your work!’”  
- St. Julie Billiart

### Call to Prayer

**Leader:** It is with great joy that we gather together today to celebrate (the birthday of) Saint Julie Billiart. We give thanks for her life, and pray that we may always trust in the goodness of God.

*Let us pray —*

Loving God, we thank you for Julie, a woman of great courage and compassion. May the good you have accomplished in her life continue through all those who have followed in her footsteps. We make our prayer in Jesus' name.

**All:** Amen.

**Leader:** As we listen to the Word of God, let us be mindful of Julie's challenge to trust in the goodness of God.

**Scripture:** Luke 12:22-31

*Pause for silent reflection*

### Psalm Response - Psalm 27

Antiphon

**(All):** I shall see the goodness of God in the land of the living.

**Reader 1:** O God, You are my light and my salvation.  
Whom should I fear?  
You are my refuge  
Of whom should I be afraid?

(All): I shall see the goodness of God in the land of the living.

Reader 2: One thing I ask of You,  
This I seek:  
To dwell in Your holy house  
All the days of my life.

(All): I shall see the goodness of God in the land of the living.

Reader 3: Though an army encamp against me,  
My heart will not fear;  
Though war be waged upon me,  
Even then I will trust You.

(All): I shall see the goodness of God in the land of the living.

Reader 4: I believe I shall see Your goodness  
In the land of the living.  
Teach me how to wait for You with courage,  
All the days of my life.

*Pause for silent reflection. (Play some instrumental music.)*

### Intercessions

Leader: O God, your daughter Julie was a woman of great courage who challenged  
the church she loved;

All: —**may the church make known your compassion and justice for all.**

Leader: Julie's heart was filled with a deep love for the poor and needy;

All: —**open our eyes and hearts to all those we serve.**

Leader: For many years, Julie was paralyzed;

All: —**give strength to all those who are suffering and physically disabled.**

Leader: You blessed Julie with a spirit of simplicity and gave her a love for prayer;

All: —**free our lives from all the clutter, so that we can have space and time for you.**

Leader: Let us join in praying together the prayer Jesus taught us to say:

All: **Our Father.**

### Prayer

All: O God, our Life and our Love, look upon us with kindness as we celebrate the life of Your servant,  
Saint Julie. Give us generous loving hearts, and renew within us the desire to proclaim your  
Goodness to all the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

