

# **Garden of Citizenship**

#### Let us Pray:

Lord,

You are the sower and reaper, the planter and harvester. We are eager to cultivate the gifts in the fertile soil of hearts open to You.

### **Reading from Scripture:**

First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgiving be offered for everyone, for kings and all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. 1 Tim 2: 1-2

### Meditation – How are we cultivating our gifts?

Do I vote in all elections? Do I consider how my faith could influence my political decisions? Have I ever contacted a company to influence their decisions for a better world? Do I inform myself about political issues? Local, city, state, country, and worldwide? What political or social justice issues are most important to me? Have I ever contacted one of my representatives to influence them on any of these issues? Have I considered what small steps I can take to create a more just world? Large steps?

## **Closing:**

Lord,

The seed that fell on rich ground yielded a harvest of thirty, sixty, or one hundred fold. May the seeds that You have planted in our hearts, in all the gardens where we are called to be good stewards, produce a rich harvest for building up Your Kingdom. Amen.