**Praying with the Women of the New Testament**

**Session 3 Handout**

**Opening Prayer**: “**Our souls proclaim the greatness of the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior. Lord Jesus, teach us to pray. Mother Mary, pray for us.”**

**QUOTE #1 Jn 4:7-30**

**7**There came a woman of Samar′ia to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” **8**For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. **9**The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samar′ia?” For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. **10**Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” **11**The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? **12**Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?” **13**Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, **14**but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” **15**The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.”

**16**Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” **17**The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; **18**for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly.” **19**The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. **20**Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.” **21**Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. **22**You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. **23**But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. **24**God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” **25**The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things.” **26**Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

**27**Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, “What do you wish?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” **28**So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, **29**“Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” **30**They went out of the city and were coming to him.

**QUOTE #2 Lk 10:38-42**

**38**Now as they went on their way, he entered a village; and a woman named Martha received him into her house. **39**And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching. **40**But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” **41**But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; **42**one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her.”

**QUOTE #3 Jn 11: 5-6, 11-16, 17, 20-27; 28-29, 32-35, 38-44**

**5**Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Laz′arus. **6**So when he heard that he was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was…  **11**… then he said to [the desciples], “Our friend Laz′arus has fallen asleep, but I go to awake him out of sleep.” **12**The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” **13**Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. **14**Then Jesus told them plainly, “Laz′arus is dead; **15**and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”

… **17**Now when Jesus came, he found that Laz′arus had already been in the tomb four days…  **20**When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary sat in the house. **21**Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. **22**And even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” **23**Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” **24**Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” **25**Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, **26**and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” **27**She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world.”

**28**When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying quietly, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” **29**And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him …  **32**Then Mary, when she came where Jesus was and saw him, fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” **33**When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled; **34**and he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” **35**Jesus wept.

**38**Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb; it was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. **39**Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” **40**Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?” **41**So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. **42**I knew that thou hearest me always, but I have said this on account of the people standing by, that they may believe that thou didst send me.” **43**When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Laz′arus, come out.” **44**The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with bandages, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

**Closing Prayer: “Father, Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light on our path. May it be done to us according to Your word. St. Photina, pray for us. St. Martha, pray for us.”**