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Prayer of Discipleship

Loving God,
I thank you for choosing me to be your
disciple
and for the gift of your Son, Jesus.
Help me proclaim and bear witness to
the Gospel
by word and by deed
today and every day.
Open my heart to
the outcast, the forgotten,
the lonely, the sick, and the poor.
Grant me the courage
to think, to choose, and to live as a
Christian,
joyfully obedient to God.

(Adapted from the Homily of Pope Francis, Basilica of Saint Paul
Outside-the-Walls, Third Sunday of Easter, April 14, 2013.)