

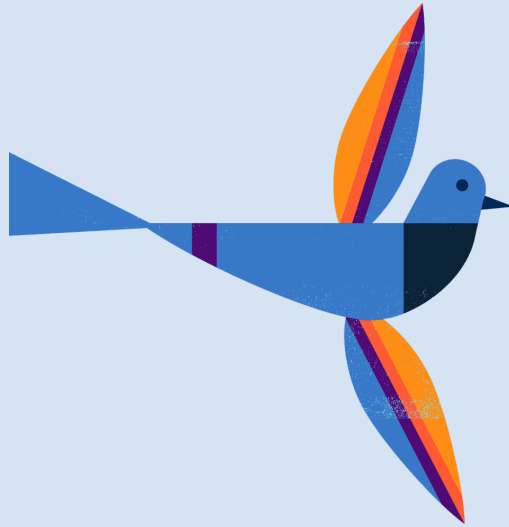


Weekly Reflection Guide

*Resources for Centering Room In The Inn
Volunteers at Your Congregation*

WINTER 2026-2027





How to Use this Guide

At Room In The Inn, we use these reflections throughout the Winter Shelter season as a way to center our volunteers, staff, and guests before they are sent to your congregations each evening.

These words offer the opportunity to gather in preparation to welcome our neighbors, reflect together, and remember the love that we want to share with our community.

We hope that, as you adapt it to share with your community, it will serve a similar purpose - to find connection with everyone on our campus and in congregations throughout the Nashville area, and to help in preparing your congregation to open its doors to your guests experiencing homelessness through Room In The Inn.

Thank you for taking the time to support your volunteers and yourselves as you come together to serve your neighbors!

Please know that you are not alone in this work!
We are here to support you & your volunteers. Please do not hesitate to reach out at shelter@roomintheinn.org.



The Room In The Inn Experience

Room In The Inn's 41st winter season has begun. As we gather in a circle of reflection and prayer to begin this season, we know that we are part of a much larger circle in this community, filled with thousands of people who have been changed by this experience through the years.

Room In The Inn is not about giving, it is about receiving. It is about everyone, both guests and hosts, receiving a blessing—an encounter with God in the midst of suffering, hardship, pain, and grief.

Room In The Inn is an opportunity, not an answer. It is an experience, not a solution. In short, Room In The Inn is an opportunity to experience the presence of God in a different way.

Prayer

Creator of us all,
We thank you for forty-one years of blessings
shared through Room In The Inn.
Teach us again that this ministry is not about giving,
but about receiving—receiving your presence in one another,
in joy and in hardship, in hope and in need.
May Room In The Inn continue to be a place
where all encounter your love made real among us.

Question for Reflection:

Think beyond the ways you gave tonight. What did you receive?