

Contemplative Prayer Form

(24th Sunday of Trinitytide - Year C)



The Liturgy Letter

Note: This is for individual or small group use. It is intended to be a form of contemplative “Lectio Divina” based on the scripture readings for the week and the themes of the liturgical season. Repetition, silence, and intercession are utilized to allow space for focus over a short or long period of time. It may be helpful to use your fingers to count the number of scripture phrases you utter during the times of repetition. The Scripture prayer section is structured for easy use with [Anglican Prayer Beads](#) for those who might find a tactile expression to be helpful (⛦ = Cross ⦿ = Invitatory bead ⬡ = Cruciform bead ● = Weeks bead).

Scripture Reading:

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” -Luke 19:1-10 (NIV)

Scripture Prayer:

✝ Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Come, let us adore him.

☼ Merciful God, it is only by your gift that we offer you true and laudable service. Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises. Amen.

◇ Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

-Ps. 32:2

- **Repeat Seven Times:**

“...let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found.”

-Psalm 32:6a

◇ I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

-Psalm 32:5

- **Repeat Seven Times:**

You are my hiding place.

-Psalm 32:7a

◇ My zeal wears me out, for my enemies ignore your words. Your promises have been thoroughly tested, and your servant loves them. Though I am lowly and despised, I do not forget your precepts.

-Psalm 119:139-141

- **Repeat Seven Times:**

“...the Lord’s unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.” -Psalm 32:10b

◇ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

-Psalm 32:8

- **Repeat Seven Times:**

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous.

Psalm 32:11a

◇ Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow...,” “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

-Isaiah 1:17-18

✠ *The Lord's Prayer*

✠ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.

Silence

Intercessions

***Pause in between these sentences for silence or specific intercessions**

Risen Christ, guide us by your Spirit: gather all the nations into your care.
Guide your Church in this place and around the world...

Keep us steady in faith and set our hearts to desire your Kingdom...

Come, Holy Spirit, heal our wounded souls and misshaped desires...

Free us from anxiety and lead us to trust you...

We pray for the leaders of the nations...

Father, support those who are going through trials...

For families and friends, for all who have asked for our prayers and who pray for us...

For our country, our region (village, town...), that the Christians there may be witnesses to your life and unity...

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.