

Contemplative Prayer Form

(25th 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:

Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. “Teacher,” they said, “Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. The second and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. Finally, the woman died too. Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?”

Jesus replied, “The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God’s children, since they are children of the resurrection. But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord ‘the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.”

-Luke 20:27-38 (NIV)

Scripture Prayer:

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

✙ O God, whose Son came into the world to make us children of God: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves and be like him. Amen.

◇ I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.
-Ps. 17:6

- **Repeat Seven Times:**

Show me the wonders of your great love...

-Psalm 17:7a

◇ Hear me, Lord, my plea is just; listen to my cry. Hear my prayer—it does not rise from deceitful lips. Let my vindication come from you; may your eyes see what is right.
-Psalm 17:1-2

- **Repeat Seven Times:**

...hide me in the shadow of your wings.

-Psalm 17:8b

◇ The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
-Psalm 145:17-18

- **Repeat Seven Times:**

My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.

-Psalm 145:21a

◇ He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.
-Psalm 145:19-20

- **Repeat Seven Times:**

Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

-Psalm 145:21b

◇ I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!
-Job 19:25-27

- ✙ *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.