

Lectio Divina



Lectio Divina for the Twenty-Eighth Week In Ordinary Time

We begin our prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

(Collect, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.

Luke 17:11-19

As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and

he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Meditation (*Meditatio*)

After the reading, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

If practicing lectio divina as a family or in a group, after the reflection time, invite the participants to share their responses.

Prayer (*Oratio*)

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.



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Contemplation (Contemplatio)

Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" What things distance me from Jesus? What parts of my life need to be touched by Jesus' pity?

Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God? When have I failed to recognize the good things God has done for me? How can I demonstrate my gratitude to God in my daily life?

Stand up and go; your faith has saved you. Where am I being sent? How does my faith strengthen me for the journey?

After a period of silent reflection and/or discussion, all recite the Lord's Prayer and the following:

Closing Prayer:

Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
his right hand has won victory for him,
his holy arm.

The LORD has made his salvation known:
in the sight of the nations he has revealed
his justice.

He has remembered his kindness and his
faithfulness
toward the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands:
break into song; sing praise.

(From Psalm 98)

Living the Word This Week

How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

"Eucharist" comes from the Greek word meaning "to give thanks." Make a list of the things for which you are grateful and give thanks for them during the Sunday liturgy.

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