

Lectio Divina



Lectio Divina for the Seventh Week of Easter

We begin our prayer:

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

May the power of the Holy Spirit
come to us, we pray, O Lord,
that we may keep your will faithfully in mind
and express it in a devout way of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

(Collect, Monday of the Seventh Week of Easter)

Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.
John 17:11b-19

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying:
“Holy Father, keep them in your name that you
have given me, so that they may be one just as we
are one. When I was with them I protected them in
your name that you gave me, and I guarded them,
and none of them was lost except the son of
destruction, in order that the Scripture might be
fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this
in the world so that they may share my joy
completely. I gave them your word, and the world
hated them, because they do not belong to the world
any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask
that you take them out of the world but that you

keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to
the world any more than I belong to the world.
Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth.
As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into
the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that
they also may be consecrated in truth.”

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?

So that they may be one just as we are one. With whom do I need to be reconciled? How have I been a force for unity or division?

I protected them in your name that you gave me. How can I show reverence for God's holy name? From what do I need God's protection?

They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. How have I accepted the world's values? How have I rejected the world values?

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

Closing Prayer:

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.

The LORD has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.

Bless the LORD, all you his angels,
you mighty in strength, who do his bidding.

(From Psalm 103)

Living the Word This Week

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

Look for ways to become involved in your diocese's ecumenical efforts and pray for the unity of Christ's Church.

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