

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.

Grant, we pray, almighty and merciful God,
that the Holy Spirit, coming near
and dwelling graciously within us,
may make of us a perfect temple of his glory.
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, Tuesday of the Seventh Week of Easter

Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.

John 17:20-26

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying:
“Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those
who will believe in me through their word, so that they
may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you,
that they also may be in us, that the world may believe
that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you
gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in
them and you in me, that they may be brought to
perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent

me, and that you loved them even as you loved me.
Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am
they also may be with me, that they may see my glory
that you gave me, because you loved me before the
foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world
also does not know you, but I know you, and they know
that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I
will make it known, that the love with which you loved
me may be in them and I in them.”

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?

That the world may believe that you sent me. How often do I encounter those who do not believe in God or who have abandoned the practice of their faith? How can I offer welcome and support to those people?

That they may be brought to perfection as one. What parts of my life need perfecting? How can I nurture a spirit of continuing conversion?

That where I am they also may be with me. How can I remind myself of God's presence and action in my life? How can I follow Jesus more closely?

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

Closing Prayer:

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;
let the many islands be glad.
Justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

The heavens proclaim his justice,
and all peoples see his glory.
All gods are prostrate before him.

You, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth,
exalted far above all gods.

From Psalm 97

Living the Word This Week

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