

# Contemplative Prayer Form

(8th Sunday of Trinitytide - Year C)



*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: Luke 12:13-21 (NIV)

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

## Scripture Prayer:

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

◉ O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church, and protect and govern it always by your goodness. Amen.

◇ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good...

-Ps. 107:1a

● **Repeat Seven Times:**

...his love endures forever.

-Psalm 107:1b

◇ Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story...those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

-Psalm 107:2a, 3

● **Repeat Seven Times:**

...he redeemed from the hand of the foe...

-Psalm 107:2b

◇ Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle. They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away.

-Psalm 107:4-5

● **Repeat Seven Times:**

Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

-Psalm 107:6

◇ He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind,

-Psalm 107:7-8

● **Repeat Seven Times:**

...he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

-Psalm 107:9

◇ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

-Colossians 3:1-4

✿ *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**

Father, you have raised us with Christ and gathered us into your Church. Through the ministry of your Spirit, help your people everywhere to seek the things above and give to others from the abundance you have given to us. Guide your Church in this place and around the world into generosity and peace...

Jesus, your faithfulness enables us to remain faithful to you: Renew us in the knowledge of the life you have given us. Help us to put to death whatever belongs to the earthly nature, setting our hearts to desire your Kingdom and learn your ways...

Holy Spirit, fill our wounded souls and misshaped desires. Show us your ways and teach us to be rich toward God. Free us from greed and lead us to trust in you...

Lord, you have raised your Son to the highest place. As we wait for His return, satisfy the thirsty and fill the hungry with good things; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Support those who are going through trials.

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

Lord, teach us to be grateful. Teach us to take joy in the gifts you have given us. Show us how to use these gifts to create things which lead to life and participate in your love.

Lord, you have clothed us with Christ. Fill us with knowledge of your will and the understanding that the Spirit gives, so that we may live a life worthy of the Lord: bearing fruit in every good work and giving thanks to the Father, who has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Amen.