

Contemplative Prayer Form

Fifteenth 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 16:1-13 (NIV)

Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

“The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

“So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

“‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

“Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of

the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

Scripture Prayer:

✙ The earth is the Lord’s for he made it. Come, let us adore him.

✙ Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and to hold fast to those things that shall endure. Amen.

◇ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people.
-1 Timothy 2:5-6b

- **Repeat Seven Times:**

Praise the Lord, you his servants...
-Psalm Psalm 113:1b

◇ From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.
-Psalm 113:3

- **Repeat Seven Times:**

Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.
-Psalm 113:2

◇ Who is like the Lord our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?
-Psalm 113:5-6

- **Repeat Seven Times:**

The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.
-Psalm 113:4

- ◇ He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes, with the princes of his people.
-Psalm 113:7-8

- **Repeat Seven Times:**

Praise the Lord.

Psalm 113:9b

- ◇ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people.
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✝ *The Lord's Prayer*

✝ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Silence + Intercessions

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God:

Father, guide your Church in this place and around the world...

Jesus, we pray for all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth...

Holy Spirit, free us from slavery to lesser loves and lead us to trust in you. Set our hearts to desire your Kingdom and learn your ways. ...

Lord, rescue the weak and the needy...

For kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

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

Lord, we thank you for the gifts you have given us...

Lord, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, unite us in prayer, the breaking of the bread, and simplicity of heart. Bring us with your saints to glory everlasting, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.