

Contemplative Prayer Form

Fourteenth Sunday of Trinitytide Year C



The Liturgy Letter

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 15:1-10 (NIV)

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

Then Jesus told them this parable: “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Scripture Prayer:

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

☼ O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts. Amen.

◇ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

-Psalm 51:1

- **Repeat Seven Times:**

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

-Psalm 51:2

◇ Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor...I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief.

-1 Timothy 1:13

- **Repeat Seven Times:**

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength...

-1 Timothy 1:12a

◇ The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

-1 Timothy 1:14

- **Repeat Seven Times:**

'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'

-Luke 15:6b

◇ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

-1 Timothy 1:15

- **Repeat Seven Times:**

I was shown mercy so...Christ Jesus might display his immense patience.

-1 Timothy 1:15

◇ "I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

-Luke 15:10

☼ *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, set our hearts to desire your Kingdom and learn your ways. Teach us to seek the lost in the same way you have sought us...

Holy Spirit, free us from slavery to lesser loves and lead us to trust in you...

Lord, rescue the weak and the needy...

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

Lord, teach us to be grateful and to find joy in 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.