

Contemplative Prayer Form

Sixteenth Sunday of Trinitytide Year
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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 16:19-31 (NIV)

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

“No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Scripture Prayer:

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

☼ O God, you declare your almighty power in showing mercy and pity. Grant us your grace, that we may become partakers of your heavenly treasure. Amen.

◇ Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
-Psalm 91:1

- **Repeat Seven Times:**

“He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”
-Psalm 91:2b

◇ I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
-Psalm 146:2

- **Repeat Seven Times:**

Praise the Lord, my soul.
-Psalm 146:1b

◇ Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save...Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.
-Psalm 146:3,5

- **Repeat Seven Times:**

...he remains faithful forever.
-Psalm 146:6b

◇ The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.
-Psalm 146:7b-8

- **Repeat Seven Times:**

The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Psalm 146:10

- ◇ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.
-1 Timothy 6:17

✿ *The Lord's Prayer*

✝ All praise be to God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. 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, lead us into godliness, contentment, and generosity. Free us from the love of money, that we may take hold of the life that is truly life.. ...

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.