

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.

May the power of the Holy Spirit
come to us, we pray, O Lord,
that we may keep your will faithfully in
mind
and express it in a devout way of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

(Collect, Monday 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.*



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Prayer (*Oratio*)

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Contemplation (*Contemplatio*)

Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word. Whose words helped my faith grow stronger? Who needs my prayers today?

So that they may be one, as we are one. What divisions in my life need to be healed? How can I unite my will to God's will for 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. How do I make God's name known? How have I experienced God's love this week?

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

How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

Participate in an ecumenical event or dialogue sponsored by your parish or diocese and pray for the unity of all Christians.

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