

Scripture Prayer For The Week

"Once...

when Jesus...

was praying alone..." Luke 9:18



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Easter Week 3 Year A

We Gather: In the prayer space, have the bible opened at the Gospel reading. The stand or table is draped with white. An Easter Candle could be placed near a broken loaf of bread.

Leader: Preserve me, O God, I take refuge in you (light the Easter candle)

All: I say to the Lord: 'You are my God'.

Leader: I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel

All: I will keep the Lord ever in my sight.

We Listen: The Gospel. Luke 24: 13-35 A long passage but worth the extra time!

Read the gospel passage reflectively. After a time of silent reflection, the line from scripture below could be repeated and the short commentary read.

"Jesus asked, 'What are you discussing with each other as you walk along.'" Lk 24:17

Commentary: The desire of God to enter into our discussions in our own hearts and minds is most evident as Jesus initiates companionship, conversation and sensitive exploration of the concerns of the moment as well as the deepest matters of life. God is pro-active, this gospel passage teaches, in compassionate awareness of our confusions, our dreams, our muddling along through the complexities of life and creation. When we "go through things" in our minds, this is indeed prayer, an interaction with the Spirit of Love who dwells in all. When we critically turn to the "prophets and passages of scripture" we can bring to our conversation with the Spirit, a reasoning and understanding that opens up a pathway for us. When we do this in company, in community, even just "two along the road" we start to bond with Wisdom. So when we gather to proclaim, break and go forth, we will know him in the "breaking of the bread."

In silence, reflect on the questions below? You may wish to have a time of brief sharing. In turn, move to the loaf of bread and break off a small piece and eat it.

- What daily concerns and life hopes do I bring into conversation with God?
- Can I be open to an Emmaus event, knowing God in the breaking of the bread?

Song: Emmaus Song (Monica Brown) or In the Breaking of the Bread (B Hurd-AOV1)

We Go Forth:

God of all good conversation. It is through talking and listening to you that we are enlightened and can make sense of our lives. Your Spirit that is in all creation gently stirs our thoughts and feelings to be open to knowledge of you. Along our journey may we listen to your truths and make them our own. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: You will show me the path of life.... Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: And the fullness of life in your presence... Alleluia! Alleluia!