

# Scripture Prayer For The Week

"Once...  
when Jesus...  
was praying alone..." (Luke 9:18)



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## Ordinary Time Week 13- Yr A

**We Gather:** In the prayer space, have the bible opened at the Gospel reading. A water jug and a glass could be the symbols on the prayer table, covered with a green cloth.

**Leader:** I will sing for ever of your great love, O God  
**All:** Through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

**We Listen:** The Gospel. Matthew 10:37-42

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

***"I anyone gives so much as a cup of water, to one of these little ones because they are a disciple....."***

### **Commentary:**

It is because we are DISCIPLES that we act in certain ways. It is not because we come from a good and honourable family, have education, have economic resources, or a secure lifestyle, that we act with love and justice. It is because we have been breathed into life by the Creator, drawn into God's one Being through Jesus and are totally immersed in the power of the Spirit, that we find our rationale and inspiration to be fully alive human beings. It is because we have been touched by God and are part of the divine that we can give up our lives, take up the cross, welcome all, hear the prophets and turn to those of holiness for succour. Finally, it is as we are gifted by the Pentecost Spirit to be water of life to those who thirst, the poor and the little who have no hope, that life is fulfilled.

**We Respond:** ***"Anyone who prefers....to me, is not worthy of me."***

In silence, reflect on the questions below? You may wish to have a time of brief sharing.

- When have I found greater worth in times or objects or experiences rather than God?
- As an autonomous human being, what is my ultimate expression of life and love?

**Song:** Harvest of Justice (D Haas-AOV2)-Christ in me Arise (T Thompson-Spirit & Song)

### **We Go Forth:**

God, you are life-giver and nurturer, saviour and fulfiller. In you alone we live and move. It is thus that we are alive and move in every part and person in creation. Deepen our knowing of this mystery so it is our goal and treasure.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Leader:** We have died and been baptised in Christ. **All:** For ever alive for God in Christ.