

Scripture Prayer For The Week

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



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Ordinary Time – Yr A Week 8

We Gather: Green is the current liturgical colour. In the prayer space, have the bible opened at the Gospel reading. On the stand, a pot plant of a flowering shrub. (Flowers in the field)

Leader: God, who feeds the birds of the air, and colours the flowers in richness.....

All:strengthen our faith in your care for us, total and loving.

We Listen: The Gospel. Matthew 6:24-34

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

“And the flowers in the field-not even Solomon in his glory was clothed like one of these.”

Commentary:

Lest we get frightened about the intensity of trust that this reading demands of us, let's go deeply in the centre of this kingdom message. What is demanded is not disdain for work, planning, saving and giving, but a peace of mind that comes from being able to say "Yes, God, you are All." We will worry, we will have to think about the future, we will need to be energetic about our tasks, our families, our students. But, what is the bedrock and the good soil out of which the seeds in the field of the Kingdom can grow and flower? A mind clearly set on the God who has spoken to every flower of the field and each blade of grass in our lawn.

We Respond: ***“And the flowers in the field.”***

In silence, reflect on the questions below? Later, take a petal, a leaf or a blade of grass from the grounds and tuck it away near your credit card.

- How long is it since you picked a flower and closely looked at it, unfolding its beauty?
- Allow yourself to be touched with wonder, exhilarated by delight and grateful.
- For a moment, let yourself go fully into the Being of God.....flower power!

Song: I Will Sing Forever of your Love (R Horner-AOV2) -Seek Ye First (K Lafferty-GA)

We Go Forth: Give time to pause and savour each sentence of this prayer.

God of the star fields and green fields, of the daisy and the rose, we wonder and rejoice that you chose beauty above all. Dress us in trust and faith, God Creator, so that we to can keep our eyes fixed on you, our ears tuned to your word, and our hearts in love with your vision. Thus, we may always seek beauty and truth in ourselves and for our students. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.