

Day 15—Wednesday 28 February

Scripture for Prayer

Stilling: Take a few minutes to become still.

God is Present: God is with you. Ask God to inspire your imagination.

Ask for what you desire. What gift, what grace do you want right now?

Read the Passage through.

Identify with a character: Choose one of the people in the story and imagine the scene from their point of view.

Senses: Use your five senses, imagine what you may see, hear, smell, touch and taste.

Fill in the details which the scripture leaves out to make the story real for you.

Matthew 20:17-28 (NRSVA)

While Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside by themselves, and said to them on the way, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified; and on the third day he will be raised.'

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

Conversation: When you come towards the end of your time of prayer, talk to Jesus about what has come up for you. Imagine how he might reply.

A Prayer: End with a formal prayer, such as the Lord's Prayer/Our Father

Review of Prayer

When you have finished look back over the prayer.

Notice how you reacted and felt.

- Is this saying anything about you,
about the way you see others or God?
- Did anything surprise you?
- Is there anything that needs healing?
- Is there anything you need to pray about in future?

Today's Meditation

Called to Become

You are called to become
A perfect creation.

No one is called to become
Who you are called to be.

It does not matter how short or tall
Or thick-set or slow you may be.

It does not matter
Whether you sparkle with life
Or are silent as a still pool.

Whether you sing your sound aloud
Or weep alone in darkness.

It does not matter
Whether you feel loved and admired
Or unloved and alone

For you are called to become a perfect creation.
No one's shadow should cloud your becoming.
No one's light should dispel your spark.

For the Lord delights in you,
Jealously looks upon you and encourages with gentle
joy

Every movement of the Spirit within you.
Unique and loved you stand,

Beautiful or stunted in your growth
But never without hope and life.

For you are called to become a perfect creation.
This becoming may be gentle or harsh,
Subtle or violent,

But it never ceases, never pauses or hesitates,
Only is -

Creative force -
Calling you

Calling you to become
A perfect Creation.

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