

## Day 17—Friday 2 March

### 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 21:33-43 (NRSVA)

‘Listen to another parable.

There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.

When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.

Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’

They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

**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.

**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

#### Revelations of Divine Love

So Jesus Christ who sets good against evil is our real Mother. We owe our being to him - and this is the essence of motherhood - and all the delightful, loving protection whichever follows.

God is as really our Mother as he is our Father.

He showed this throughout, and particularly when he said that sweet word, "It is I." In other words, "It is I who am the strength and goodness of Fatherhood; I who am the wisdom of Motherhood; I who am light and grace and blessed love; I who am Trinity; I who am Unity; I who am the sovereign goodness of every single thing; I who enable you to love; I who enable you to long; It is I, the eternal satisfaction of every genuine desire."

Mother Julian of Norwich, Revelation 59