

Day 18—Saturday 3 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.

Luke 15: 11-25 (NRSVA)

So Jesus told them this parable:

‘There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.” So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, “How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” So he set off and went to his father.

But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate.

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

Rest with God

Rest your bones in silence,
Still your racing heart,
close your tired and restless eyes,
and come awhile apart.

Leave everything behind you,
come naked and bereft,
you will receive a hundredfold
of all that you have left.

Rest with God, beloved,
who waits for you alone,
to pause upon your journey
and stay with God at home.

Come swiftly, loved and precious one,
God longs to sit with you,
to absorb your lovely presence
as the flower that holds the dew.

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