

Prayer (*Oratio*)

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Contemplation (*Contemplatio*)

Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

A voice of one crying out in the desert./ Prepare the way of the Lord./make straight his paths. When have I felt like a voice crying out in the desert? When have I failed to use my voice when I should have?

The whole region around the Jordan ... were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. What sins am I struggling with today? What prevents me from acknowledging my sinfulness and relying on God's mercy?

I am not worthy to carry his sandals. How can I serve the Lord? How can I grow in humility and docility to the Lord's will?

After a period of silent reflection and/or discussion, all recite the Lord's Prayer and the following:

Closing Prayer:

I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD —for he proclaims peace to
his people.
Near indeed is his salvation to those
who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land.

Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

The LORD himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him,
and prepare the way of his steps.

From Psalm 72

Living the Word This Week

How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

Choose a spiritual or corporal work of mercy to practice this Advent to prepare your heart for Christ's coming.

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Scripture Readings

For the Week of November 27, 2022

Monday - Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday - Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday - Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle
Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday - Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday - Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Mt 9:27-31

Saturday - Memorial of
Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday - Second Sunday of Advent
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12