



After Election Lectio Divina

As we move away from the election and look towards the next four years, let us focus our hope and yearning and expectation on Christ. With the reading below, we are using the practice of lectio divina to help reveal how God is asking us to further advocate and work for a community reflective of His love, justice, and mercy over the next few years. May we remain open and committed to taking up that call to stand up prophetically in defense of the dignity of the whole human person.

1. Read passage once, paying close attention to a word, phrase, or image that stands out.

2. Read passage again, slowly, focusing on the word, phrase, or image that came to you.

3. Take silent time to reflect on the word, phrase, or image that stood out. Remain open to the Spirit's movements and refrain from analysis of the word, phrase, or image.

4. Take time now to ask of God any questions you may have about what has been revealed to you. After questioning, rest in silence.

5. Think of any concrete actions or work that can be taken out of what has been revealed in this time of reflection. Offer these things to God, while also asking for endurance and courage to remain committed to this act over a closing prayer of thanksgiving.

DAY 1

Genesis 1

DAY 2

Matthew 25: 31-46

DAY 3

Romans 8: 35-39

CLOSING PRAYER

God of all nations, Father of the human family, we give you thanks for the freedom we exercise and the many blessings of democracy we enjoy in these United States of America. We ask for your protection and guidance for all who devote themselves to the common good, working for justice and peace at home and around the world. We lift up all our duly elected leaders and public servants, those who will serve us as president, as legislators and judges, those in the military and law enforcement. Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord, with a common purpose, dedication, and commitment to achieve liberty and justice in the years ahead for all people, and especially those who are most vulnerable in our midst. Amen.