

# Lectio Divina



## Lectio Divina for the Third Week in Ordinary Time

*We begin our prayer:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty ever-living God,  
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,  
that in the name of your beloved Son  
we may abound in good works.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

(Collect for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

### Reading (*Lectio*)

*Read the following Scripture two or three times.*  
Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of

men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.

### Meditation (*Meditatio*)

*After the reading, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:*

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

*If practicing lectio divina as a family or in a group, after the reflection time, invite the participants to share their responses.*

### Prayer (*Oratio*)

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



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## Contemplation (*Contemplatio*)

*Read the Scripture passage again, followed by this reflection:*

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

*The kingdom of God is at hand.* What signs do I see of the inbreaking of God's kingdom? How can I help to build and make known the kingdom of God?

*Repent, and believe in the gospel.* From what sins must I repent? What helps to build my faith in God's Word?

*Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.* What do I need to abandon so that I can follow Jesus? What will I gain and lose by following Jesus?

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

## Closing Prayer:

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
teach me your paths,  
Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my savior.  
Remember that your compassion, O LORD,  
and your love are from of old.  
In your kindness remember me,  
because of your goodness, O LORD.  
Good and upright is the LORD;  
thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice  
and teaches the humble his way.

Psalm 25:4-9

## Living the Word This Week

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

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