



Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Lectio Divina

Prepare

Select a scripture and find a comfortable place to sit. Quiet your mind, taking a few deep breaths. Ask God to speak to you through the reading.

Read

Read the passage slowly. Listen for a word, phrase, or image that stands out to you. Repeat the word in your mind.

Reflect

Re-read the passage. Linger over the word, phrase, or image that captured your attention. Notice any feelings evoked within you. Ask God how this new awareness speaks to your life.

Pray

As you re-read the passage for the third time, consider how God might be inviting you to respond. Talk with God about what is on your heart.

Contemplate

Rest in the awareness of God's presence. Remain open to anything else that may be stirring within you. Thank God for your new awareness and know that you are loved.