

# Lectio Divina



## Lectio Divina for the Fifth Week of Easter

*We begin our prayer:*

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

O God, restorer and lover of innocence,  
direct the hearts of your servants towards yourself,  
that those you have set free from the darkness of  
unbelief  
may never stray from the light of your truth.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

*Collect, Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter*

### Reading (*Lectio*)

*Read the following Scripture two or three times.*

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

### 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 again, followed by this reflection:*

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

*My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. When have I felt that God is far away from me? When have I felt that God is near?*

*I give you a new commandment: love one another. Who is most in need of my love this week? Who is it challenging for me to love?*

*This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. How do I respond to others in faith? How can I put my faith in action more effectively?*

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

## Closing Prayer:

The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The LORD is good to all  
and compassionate toward all his works.

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,  
and let your faithful ones bless you.

Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might.

Let them make known your might to the children of  
Adam,

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.  
Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages,  
and your dominion endures through all generations.

*From Psalm 145*

## Living the Word This Week

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

Learn more about Catholic social teaching (<https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/catholic-social-teaching>) as a way to put your faith into practice.

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