

# Lectio Divina



## Lectio Divina for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Global Celebration of Youth and Young Adults

*We begin our prayer:*

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

Almighty ever-living God,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,  
grant, we pray,  
that the whole creation, set free from slavery,  
may render your majesty service  
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.  
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, Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King  
of the Universe)

### Reading (*Lectio*)

*Read the following Scripture two or three times.*  
John 18:33b-37

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be

fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

### 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.*

## Contemplation (*Contemplatio*)

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

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

On this Global Celebration of Youth and Young Adults, how can I better give witness to Christ and his Gospel to all young people in my interactions and communities?

*Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?* How would my family and friends describe me? Is the person they describe the person that God is calling me to be?

*My kingdom does not belong to this world.* When have I placed the world's values above those of God? How can I grow in my desire to follow God's will?

*For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.* How do I testify to the truth of what I believe? When have I failed to speak out as I should?

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

## Closing Prayer:

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe,  
to you we turn in humble prayer.  
Look with favor upon all young people,  
bearers of hope for the Church and the world.

Jesus Christ, companion of youth and young adults,  
bless the paths of discovery and discernment,  
through times of joy and experiences of hardship,  
with the constant love and support of your Church.

Jesus Christ, alive in the hearts  
of all your people,  
grant that we may  
"journey together, young and old...  
to nourish our enthusiasm, cause dreams to emerge,  
awaken prophesies and enable hope to blossom." \*

Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all humankind,  
open our hearts to encounter all young people,  
to accompany and be in community together,  
and as one Church, embark upon our holy mission.

Jesus Christ, in the company  
of the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
graciously hear our prayer  
and be with us forevermore.

Amen.

\*Pope Francis, *Christus Vivit*, 19

## Living the Word This Week

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

Invite a friend to join you at Mass or at a ministry activity for youth or young adults.

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