

11-24-24 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Jesus’ kingdom is unlike any kingdom the world has ever seen or known... Those who pledge themselves to follow Jesus promise to respect the dignity of every human being, to rid themselves of prejudice and hatred, to welcome outsiders with the same generous spirit with which Jesus welcomed them, and to live in harmony with the created order.”

David Vryhof



John 18:33-38a

Questions for Reflection —

- As you pray the Lord’s prayer what does it mean to you when you pray for God's kingdom to come on earth? What is your understanding of what it means to live in God's kingdom in the here and now? How do your words and actions in daily life reflect your commitment to live in and for the sake of God’s kingdom? Is there a further step you are being called to take? What spiritual practices keep you attentive to Jesus’ voice and grounded in God’s love and justice?

- For what in your life during the past year are you most grateful? Have there been times when you have found it difficult to be grateful? How do you maintain an attitude of thanksgiving in challenging or difficult times? What helps you to maintain your trust in God’s ongoing generosity and presence with you no matter the external circumstances? How do you express your gratitude to God? How do you share your blessings with people you encounter at home, at work or school, at church, and/or in your local community?

- What are some of the essential truths which help you to align your life with Jesus? What do you do when those truths clash with secular values? What do you need in order to live by God’s standards rather than conform to norms of society? How does your life testify to the eternal truths of Jesus’ teachings?

Daily Household Prayer

We believe in you, O God, for you have made the suffering of humanity your suffering. You have come to establish a kingdom of the poor and humble. Today we sing to you, because you are alive, you have saved us, you have made us free; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.