

Christ the King : prayerful preparation

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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.

Amen.

Prayer Prompts

Lectio Divina. Read the Sunday Gospel, Matthew 25:31-46, focussing on the four steps: reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation.

Prayer Walk. *Pray as You Go* website has a walking with God prayer guide, see; <https://pray-as-you-go.org/prayer%20tools/>.

Alternatively, you can take yourself into nature. Pay attention to what captures your interest.

Could God have been pointing anything out to you?

Two Kings

Consider the differences between Jesus and earthly Kings. Make a list of the two different kinds of Kingship.

How radically different is the Kingship of Jesus?

What kind of life can you, as a follower of Jesus expect?

What graces can you ask for to help you become a closer follower of Jesus the King?

In general

Prayer can become more rewarding if we are prepared to set time aside each day and commit to that.

Prayer is about developing a relationship with God, allowing God to become closer to you, deepening and increasing your understanding and acceptance of God's loving nature.

God wants to be more for you. He wants you to follow in Jesus' footsteps, being the presence of Jesus in our world now.

Sunday's gospel tells us clearly how we are to behave as God's followers.

Have you signed up to be a follower of Christ the King, knowing what kind of King Christ is?