

Weekly Prayer Guide for Holy Trinity Parish

For use during the week beginning July 25, 2010 – based on the Gospel reading for August 1, 2010.

Call to Prayer

Leader: Let us pause for a moment to prepare ourselves to spend a few moments in prayer.

Step One: Listen to the Word (Faith helps us set Godly priorities.)

As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What lingers in your memory?

LK 12: 13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me."

He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" Then he said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Then he told them a parable. "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!"' But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: What is the most important thing in your life?

Question for Youth: It is easy to get self-centered and greedy. What do you have in your life that is unnecessary? In your life, what keeps you close to God? What distracts you from your relationship with God?

Question for Adults: What wisdom do you pull out of this reading to help you set priorities in your life?

Concluding Prayer

At the end of sharing, pray the Lord's Prayer out loud together.