

First Week Prayer Units
Prayer Unit 6

Theme: I am part of, and a contributor to, the sinful condition of the human family. Yet God continues to love me; Jesus desires to free me from the effects of this sin situation; and the Spirit helps to dispose me for this freeing action of Jesus.

Grace: To ask for what I desire -- shame and confusion before God's goodness which continually protects me from the full effects of the sin situation in which I find myself.

Prayer Texts:

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| a) Luke 15:11-32 | The prodigal son experiences separation while his prodigal father continually waits to forgive. |
| b) Romans 7:14-25;
5:1-11 | We are all helpless; yet Jesus dies for me who is helpless. |
| c) First Exercise | with its Composition, Grace (see annotation 48), Colloquy (see annotations 53 and 54) and First Point (see annotation 50). |
| d) First Exercise | with its Composition, Grace, Colloquy and Second Point (see annotation 51). |
| e) First Exercise | with its Composition, Grace, Colloquy and Third Point (see annotation 52). |
| f) Luke 16:19-31 | Rich person and Lazarus ... the eternal separation of the rich person from Lazarus is Jesus' own image of the logical consequence of our sin situation. |

*Soul of Christ, sanctify me
Body of Christ, save me
Blood of Christ, inebriate me
Water from the side of Christ, wash me
O good Jesus, hear me
Within your wounds, hide me
Permit me not to be separated from you
From the wicked enemy, defend me
At the hour of my death, call me
And bid me come to you
That with your saints I may praise you
For ever and ever.
Amen.*

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Additional Readings for reflection outside prayer times:

Gen 1:26-27	If humankind in general and we individually are created in God's image, what is God's hope for us?
Gen 3:1-13	The experience of Eve and Adam is every person's experience.
Rom 5:12-21	The human family is caught in a sinful condition. We are all sinners in solidarity with our forebears. The effects of this are:
Jn 9	Blindness -- note the blindness of the Pharisees and the growing light of the blind man; and
1Jn 1:5—2:2	Lying and rationalizations -- if we say that we are free from the guilt of sin, we deceive ourselves.
Gal 4:3-7	Yet Jesus has come to save us from the slavery of the sin situation
Lk 23:32-43	through his death on the cross. I talk to my helpless saviour either as the helpless good thief or the helpless angry thief.