

Prayer Guide – Week 6

A Table in the Wilderness for a Hungry Crowd

Opening Prayer

O Lord, can you really spread a table in the wilderness of life? Walk with me as I walk this path of the cross with honest questions of life in my heart and my face turned to find the table you have spread in the wilderness for so many before me, and now also for me. Amen.

Reading

Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee. He looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him. He asked his disciples, "Where shall we find bread for these people to eat?" Peter said, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" Jesus took the loaves and the fish, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. "Let nothing be wasted," Jesus said. And his disciples gathered twelve baskets of leftovers (adapted from John 6).

Reflect

- What do I notice or feel as I look at this picture?
- What is making me skeptical of God's care in my life?
- Can God really provide a table in the wilderness of skepticism and anxiety?

Christ Speaks: Words of Encouragement

Take heart, my child. Cast your burdens on to me; I will carry your cross for you. My Father attends you. He is your Father, too. All that is needed God's hands will provide.

Closing Prayer

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you because by your life, your death, and your resurrection you have shown us how God always spreads a table in the wilderness in the face of all our fears. Amen.