

Prayer Guide – Week 7

A Table in the Wilderness for Our Savior

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

On reaching the Mount of Olives, Jesus withdrew about a stone's throw beyond his disciples, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground (adapted from Luke 22).

Reflect

- What do I notice or feel as I look at this picture?
- Where am I in anguish?
- Can God really provide a table in the wilderness of anguish and abandonment?

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.