

Prayer Guide – Week 8

A Table on the Beach for Us

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

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?” “No,” they answered. He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish... When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread... Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead (John 21:4–6, 9, 12–14).

Reflect

- *What do I notice or feel as I look at this picture?*
- *What amazement and awe do I experience this Easter?*
- *How has this journey through Lent opened me to trust God’s provision in the wilderness of life?*

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.