



Prayer Poems

Poetic Reflections for Sundays and Feastsdays
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*“Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.”
(Matthew 14:19)*

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Seeking solace, Jesus steals away for solitude.
Searching crowds follow.
Noisy crowds interrupt quiet solitude.
Compassionate love of Jesus welcomes the crowd.
Pity replaces grief.

Hungry for spiritual food,
Hunger sounds of growling bellies,
blots out the egoist of aloneness.

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“Who has food to share?”
“What did you provide for yourselves?”
“Can your family share it with others in the crowd?”

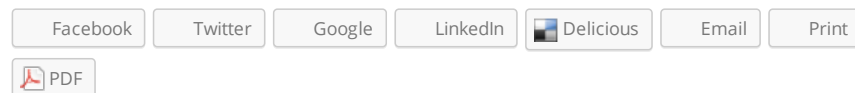
One-by-one selfishness gives way to compassionate generosity.
No need to buy, there is more than enough for all!
When Love begets compassionate love,

“...all ate and were satisfied.” (Matthew 14:20a)

For Reflection and Sharing:

1. How do we ordinarily interpret this multiplication of loaves and fishes?
2. What is the possibility that the poem depicts maybe even a bigger miracle?
3. Why did the crowd respond to Jesus' request?
4. What might be the feelings of those who contributed what they had?
5. What is the result of sharing?
6. Who are the hungry in your vicinity?
7. Will you, after reflection on this week's gospel, be the one who shares?

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Gail Sako August 3, 2014 at 10:28 am 

Julie, I am going to use many of your prayer poems for reflection on my retreat this week! Thank you so much for the heartfelt poem prayers and reflective questions. It gets to the heart of the matter! gail

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Sr. Juliemarie McDonald, SND September 23, 2014 at 9:48 am 

Gail, I know I thanked you personally, but I am glad you added your comment. It affirms and helps this poet along her journey of spreading the

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