



Prayer Poems

Poetic Reflections for Sundays and Feastsdays
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Rejecting or Accepting

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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion–Cycle B
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“You are my beloved. My favor rests on you.”
(Luke 3:22)

Rejecting or Accepting

Lord, may I never lose the truth of who I am.
I am created because of love.
I am given unconditional love.
This is the truth of who I am.

Lord, let me live in the fullness of this truth.
I am a beloved son and daughter of the Father, who has love to share.

May I share your love each day with all whom I encounter.
May I be a Simon of Cyrene to those in need of a companion
to carry their heavy crosses.
May I be a Veronica, who wipes away the tears of those

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in distress.

May I be that woman in the crowd, who offers to others
consolation and comfort.

Grant me the grace of fortitude to carry out these deeds of love.

Make me quick to see these needs and run to the rescue.

May I, like Blessed Mary, be strong and faithful to the end.

May this holy week be like no other.

Make this Passion Sunday be a week of new transformations.

I am beloved. I receive unconditional love.

I am graced to share this love with all in need. Amen.

**“Some days we are the ones who wave the palms, but other days we are the ones
who crucify Christ” –Unnamed homilist**

For Reflection and Sharing:

1. What motivated Judas? How is his motivation also seen in our daily living?
2. We, like Peter, make fine promises to Jesus. When and why do we break our promises to stand by Him?
3. What difference does it make in one's life to truly believe we are beloved by God?
4. Looking back over the weeks of Lent, who did we resemble in the Gospel: Judas, Simone, Peter, Mary, John, or the woman in the crowd?
5. What are some of the offences committed by those who reject rather than accept Jesus?

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Sr. Kathleen Tobin March 26, 2015 at 9:42 am



I loved the sentiments and truths conveyed in this week's poem.

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Helene March 26, 2015 at 1:04 pm



I really liked your reflection. Jesus not only taught us how to live but also how to die to ourselves. Today I will think of the many in my life who have reached out to others with out counting the coasts.

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Gabrielle Renoir March 31, 2015 at 11:23 am



I think we are like Judas when we turn our attention to things other than Christ. We betray him when we lose confidence in his love for us, when we put our happiness first, when we choose worldly things over spiritual. To accept Christ is to “put on new clothes” and live a different kind of life, to be “in” the world, perhaps, but not “of” the world. We betray Christ when we fail to love.

I have meditated much on Judas this past week, and I feel his betrayal may have been borne of fear. He might have been so afraid of Jesus’ potential to arouse political turmoil (and the Jews balance with the Romans was tenuous) that he thought Jesus himself, as well as the Twelve, would be better off if Jesus had been arrested. I don’t believe Judas thought they would crucify him. I have to condemn Judas’ action, of course, but I also feel sorry for him.

I wish all of you many Easter blessings.

Gabrielle

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