



# Prayer Poems

Poetic Reflections for Sundays and Feastsdays  
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## A King and a Kingdom

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### Feast of Christ Our King

**“Above him there was an inscription that read, “This is the King of the Jews.” {Lk 23:38}**

#### A King and a Kingdom

Jesus was an exception to the norms of earthly Kings.

- ...No crown,
- ...No palace, servants or armies,
- ...No place on earth to govern.

Jesus was also an exception to the idea of “ruler and subjects”; he was:

- ...A servant King,
- ...An offering for his subjects,
- ...A healer, a prophet, a carpenter.

Jesus was a non-violent rebel teaching followers to:

- ...Turn the other cheek,
- ...Forgive seven x seven,
- ...Love your enemies.

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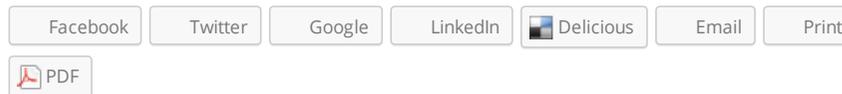
Jesus hung between two thieves,  
...One repentant,  
· ...One indifferent and unbelieving,  
...One promised paradise, the other not.

Jesus, a King and a Kingdom,  
...Invites us into paradise,  
...Takes us to the Kingdom not of this world,  
...Let us rejoice and praise Him for making us His children for all eternity. Amen.

### For Reflection and Sharing:

1. What were some of the differences between the two thieves?
2. How was Jesus different from the earthly King he submitted to in his life?
3. Are you in a leadership position? What is your take on "ruler and subjects"?
4. Do you know and can you explain to another what INRI, the sign on Jesus' cross, is translated?
5. What are your values and norms and how are they exceptions to your cultural norms?
6. When does Jesus call us to repentance?

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