



Prayer Poems

Poetic Reflections for Sundays and Feastsdays
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Breakfast on the Beach

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“I’m going fishing...We also will come with you.”

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Jesus said to them, “Children, have you caught anything to eat? They answered him, “NO!”

The man on the beach once again became a teacher.

“Cast your net over the right side of the boat and you will find something.”

The professional fishermen did not recognize him. In fact one the of them said to the others,

“This is definitely no fishermen, otherwise he would know this is neither the right time of day to fish, nor do you throw the net to the right side of the boat.”

Surprise! They pulled in the net filled with 153 fish!

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It was John who recognized the man on the beach, "It is the Lord!"
It was impractical Peter who jumped into the sea, but with an overwhelming love.
It was Jesus who became teacher once more.

- Inviting the men to breakfast,
- Thoughtfully asking for some fish they had caught,
- Reminding them by action the importance of fellowship.

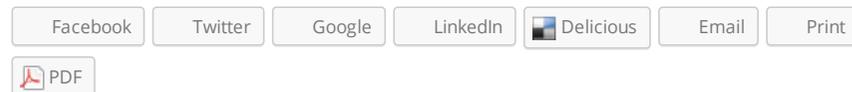
Then Jesus drilled the lesson of the last supper and his command "to do this in memory of me."

Knowing repetition is the mother of learning, Jesus for the third time appears to those who have a hard time believing Jesus has risen as he said he would. Students of the Lord, "Listen and Learn.

For Reflection and Sharing:

1. Why do film makers show pictures like *God is Dead* and *God is Not Dead*?
2. When do you find it difficult to believe there is a God in your own faith journey?
3. What are some of the ways you can evangelize those who don't believe?
4. What makes Jesus such a fine teacher?
5. What have you learned by reflecting upon John 21:1-19?

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Valerie Pinney April 7, 2016 at 11:13 am



Thank you for this lovely word painting. This is a good day for me to think in terms that God will provide. I lost my job on Monday. Everyday I say: I trust in YOU!

Please keep me in your prayers. St. Joseph will help.

I love you

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Thank you for the very human side of Christ and His apostles: a deep relationship that started by fishing boats, included the miracle of the fish and continued in this story.

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