

LECTIO DIVINA

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe

Lectio Divina Steps: (adapted from <https://hallow.com/blog/how-to-pray-lectio-divina/>)

- 1) Read passage. Preferably slowly and deliberately, but simply read.
- 2) Read passage AGAIN. Then pay attention to what stood out to you. It may be a word, a phrase, an image, a concept.
- 3) MEDITATE. Take what stood out to you from STEP 2 and hold it in your mind quietly. If your mind strays, gently come back to the word, phrase, or image. If you get distracted think of it simply as the dial on the radio needing a slight nudge back to a clear signal with less white noise. Try not to get discouraged. Stillness and silence can be challenging.
- 4) PRAY. Respond to God with prayer. Ask Him what message you can receive from this practice. Consider offering thanks, asking forgiveness, or talking with Him.
- 5) CONTEMPLATE. Take the last few moments to rest. Feel God's presence with you. Listen for God's voice. Spend this time in His company until you feel you are finished.
- 6) End with a prayer of your choice (The Our Father, Glory Be, etc) and the Sign of The Cross.

Bible Verses for Each Week of the Book Study

* Week 1 (Chapters 1 – 4 in book): Matthew 18: 1-5

¹⁸At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. ³And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

* Week 2 (Chapters 5 – 8 in book): Revelation 21: 4-7

⁴'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death^[b] or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.' ⁵He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. ⁷Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

* Week 3 (Chapters 9-12 in book): Ezekiel 36: 26

²⁶I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

* Week 4 (Chapters 13 – 18 in book): Roman 6: 4-5

⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.