

Lectio Divina 2025
Believing-Belonging-Beloved

Month	Reading	Description
January	Ephesians 4:11-16	Building up the Body of Christ
February	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	The love passage
March	John 11:28-37	Jesus raises Lazarus
April	Revelation 21:1-4	Wipe every tear from their eye
May	Isaiah 58:6-9	The fast that I choose
June	Mark 7:24-30	The Syrophenician Woman
July	Job 42:1-6	Job answers God
August	Psalms 23	A psalm of comfort
September	2 Timothy 4:1-5	The "itching ears" scripture
October	Mark 5:25-34	The woman with the hemorrhage
November	Galatians 3:23-28	Neither Jew nor Greek
December	Isaiah 9:2-6	Prince of Peace

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Our journey continues in 2025, with our scriptural exploration of the theme, “Believing-Belonging-Beloved.” Here in the Diocese of El Camino Real, our Congregations, Committees and Governing Bodies may engage in Lectio Divina as part of a shared practice throughout the year. We connect with each other through common reading and reflection.

If you haven’t participated in this type of study before, I would encourage you to join this time. Conversation that centers around scripture focuses our work together and strengthens our commitment to follow Jesus. Being on pilgrimage together, with scripture as our focus, equips us for the journey and holds us accountable to each other for our mutual well-being and the growth of God’s work throughout our Diocese.

Our theme for this year, “Believing-Belonging-Beloved,” is an extension of our pilgrimage journey. When we look at scripture through the lens of what it means to engage both personally and communally in this way, we find countless examples of people who throughout biblical history, have found faith, community and a deeper sense of their own spirituality. Through lectio, we allow ourselves to become open and surprised by connections that we find and lively contributions of others with whom we share the conversation.

The Diocesan Staff and I have compiled a list of readings for your use in Lectio Divina. Beyond the initial questions of “What word, phrase or image strikes you in the reading,” there are other questions that may be posed—and of course, you should ask your own. Here are some possible ways to approach the readings:

- ❖ *In what ways do you see the themes of believing, belonging or beloved in the reading?*
- ❖ *What invitation is God extending to you through this text?*
- ❖ *Where does your life, your work, your ministry intersect with the text?*

It is my prayer that this journey through scripture will inform, encourage, and sustain our work this year. May the blessing of these offerings strengthen you and lead you to a place of new reflection, new understandings, and renewed joy in our shared journey.

Faithfully,

+Lucinda and the Diocesan Staff