



Statement of Intention for Centering Prayer

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier,
alive at the center of our being, we
wish to surrender in love to You.
May our sacred word,



which we will gently pray
when we engage with our thoughts,
be a sign and symbol of our intention to
consent to Your Divine Presence
And Action within.

Sunday readings for January 27, 2008

Reading 1 (Is 8:23—9:3)

First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun
and the land of Naphtali;
but in the end he has glorified the seaward road,
the land west of the Jordan,
the District of the Gentiles.

Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness:
for there is no gloom where but now there was distress.
The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the
land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought
them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice
before you as at the harvest, as people make merry
when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them,
the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their
taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14)

R. (1a) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge;

of whom should I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the LORD;

this I seek:

To dwell in the house of the LORD

all the days of my life,

That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD
and contemplate his temple.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD
in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD with courage;

be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Reading II (1 Cor 1:10-13, 17)

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and
that there be no divisions among you, but that you be

united in the same mind and in the same purpose.

For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers
and sisters, by Chloe's people, that there are rivalries
among you. I mean that each of you is saying, "I
belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong
to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided?
Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in
the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize
but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of
human eloquence, so that the cross of Christ might not
be emptied of its meaning.

Gospel (Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17)

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested,
he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to
live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun
and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the
prophet might be fulfilled:

*Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the
sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the
people who sit in darkness have seen a great light,
on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death
light has arisen.*

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two
brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother
Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen.
He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you
fishers of men." At once they left their nets and
followed him. He walked along from there and saw two
other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his
brother John. They were in a boat, with their father
Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and
immediately they left their boat and their father and
followed him. He went around all of Galilee,
teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of
the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness
among the people.

