



### 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.

*Readings for October 19, 2008 (Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time)*

#### **Reading 1** (Is 45:1, 4-6)

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus,  
whose right hand I grasp,  
subduing nations before him,  
and making kings run in his service,  
opening doors before him  
and leaving the gates unbarred:  
For the sake of Jacob, my servant,  
of Israel, my chosen one,  
I have called you by your name,  
giving you a title, though you knew me not.  
I am the LORD and there is no other,  
there is no God besides me.  
It is I who arm you, though you know me not,  
so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun  
people may know that there is none besides me.  
I am the LORD, there is no other.

#### **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10)

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all you lands.  
Tell his glory among the nations;  
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

For great is the LORD and highly to be praised;  
awesome is he, beyond all gods.  
For all the gods of the nations are things of nought,  
but the LORD made the heavens.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Give to the LORD, you families of nations,  
give to the LORD glory and praise;  
give to the LORD the glory due his name!  
Bring gifts, and enter his courts.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Worship the LORD, in holy attire;  
tremble before him, all the earth;  
say among the nations: The LORD is king,  
he governs the peoples with equity.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

#### **Reading II** (1 Thes 1:1-5)

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the  
Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ: grace to you and peace.  
We give thanks to God always for all of you,  
remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to  
mind your work of faith and labor of love and  
endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our  
God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by  
God, how you were chosen.  
For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but  
also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much  
conviction.

#### **Gospel** (Mt 22:15-21)

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might  
entrap Jesus in speech.  
They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians,  
saying,  
"Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that  
you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth.  
And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for  
you do not regard a person's status.  
Tell us, then, what is your opinion:  
Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"  
Knowing their malice, Jesus said,  
"Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the  
coin that pays the census tax."  
Then they handed him the Roman coin.  
He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose  
inscription?"  
They replied, "Caesar's."  
At that he said to them,  
"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to  
God what belongs to God."

