

\* Prayers Anchored in the  
Gospel of John  
John 2:13-17

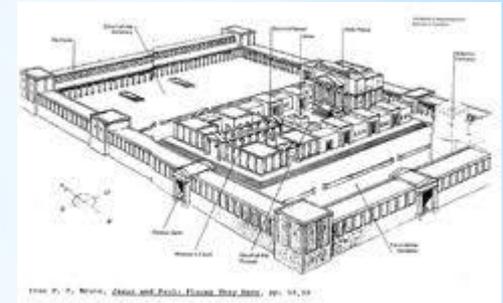
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\* Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.* (Book of Alternative Services: 80)

\* [www.anglican.ca/resources/liturgicaltextsonline/](http://www.anglican.ca/resources/liturgicaltextsonline/)

\* **The Collect**  
Collecting your thoughts so you can focus  
on God.

## \* John 2:13-17 (NIV)



<sup>13</sup> When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. <sup>15</sup> So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

\* Scripture

- \* This is a time when you will want to meditate on the section of the passage (vv. 13-17) throughout the day.
- \* You might choose to memorize a verse, or imagine that you are one of the characters in the passage.
- \* Let the passage sink deep into your soul.



\* **Meditation**

I wonder what it would have been like to be in the temple courts that day - to be one of the crowd, one of the religious leaders, one of the disciples. What would we have seen? Heard? Felt? How would we have understood Jesus' actions? words? emotions?



“He, who was to be scourged by them, was first the one who scourged.” (Augustine, Tractates on the Gospel of John 10:5 from Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture, IVa, 102).

\***Meditation**

- \*The Spirit of God uses the nature of the believer as a temple in which to offer His prayers of intercession. “... your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit” (1 Corinthians 6:19). When Jesus Christ cleansed the temple, “...He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple” (Mark 11:16). The Spirit of God will not allow you to use your body for your own convenience. Jesus ruthlessly cast out everyone who bought and sold in the temple, and said, “My house shall be called a house of prayer.... But you have made it a ‘den of thieves’ ” (Mark 11:17).
- \*Have we come to realize that our “body is the temple of the Holy Spirit”?

Oswald Chambers, *The Unrivalled Power of Prayer*  
(<http://utmost.org/the-unrivalled-power-of-prayer/>)

\***Meditation**

## REFINER'S FIRE (Brian Doerksen)

Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold and precious silver  
Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold, pure gold

Refiner's fire  
My heart's one desire  
Is to be holy  
Set apart for You, Lord  
I choose to be holy  
Set apart for You, my Master  
Ready to do Your will

*To hear this song, visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t6awdZ1cekk>*

 **Response**



William Holman Hunt, *The Light of the World*

- \* What is the Lord Jesus speaking to you today?
- \* What is keeping me or you from surrendering to the refining words of Christ?
- \* How will we respond to the living Word?

\* Prayer



\* Let us join together in prayer for God's grace and humility in ourselves, our friends and even our enemies to receive today the words of Christ that bring cleansing, healing and new life.

\* Prayer

**May the Light of Christ shine in our darkness;  
May he fill you with the Light of life;  
May others see this Light in your life  
And so give glory to the Father.**

Andrew Kirk

 **Blessing**