

 Prayers Anchored in the  
Gospel of John  
John 2:18-19

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

\* 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 2:18-19 (NIV)

- \*<sup>18</sup> The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”
- \*<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

\* This is a time when you will want to reflect (pray) on some part of the passage so that you and God are communicating. It can be a time for questions to God or to put into words some of the stirrings in your heart.

- *“The use of the term ‘sign’ here in this context of confrontation or demand by the Jews has a slightly different focus from the sign for believers as in 2:11.” (Gerald Borchert, New American Commentary, 165).*
- *What are the signs have you thus seen? How do you respond to these signs?*

\* **Meditation**

“Here is the first use outside the prologue of the term *Father*, the single most important designation for God in Johannine literature. Equally significant is the implication that Jesus is God's Son: he refers to *my Father's house*. Jesus' provocative act is based on his relation to God as his Son.”

*IVP Commentary*

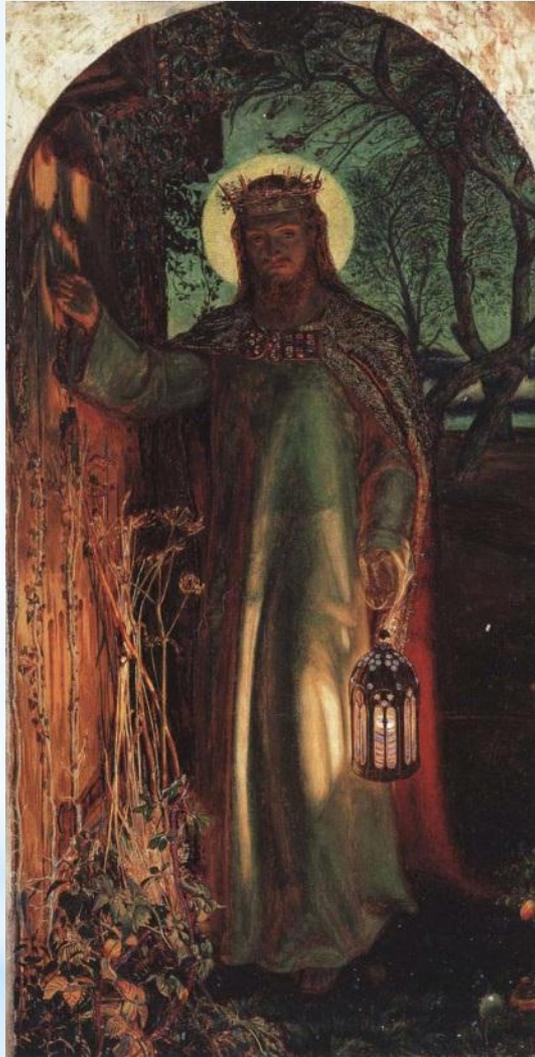
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\*Meditation

- \* “Jesus, when you visited the temple in Jerusalem, you were filled with zeal for your Father and his house of worship. Your love for the Father motivated all that you did and said. Your intimacy with the Father by the Holy Spirit is a window to unfailing love and commitment.
- \* Jesus, I am overwhelmed by your sacrifice and love for me in the cross. Even when I am tempted to doubt, I receive your words of unfailing love and commitment to me. Today, like the disciples, I choose to remember your love for the Father and Spirit and your solidarity with humanity.”

Andrew Kirk

\* **Response**



\* Thank all members of the Trinity that you have been given the right to become a child of God.

\* Prayer



\* Pray for those who have not yet made up their minds about Jesus - especially the people that you know.

\* Prayer

To him who loves us  
and has freed us from our sins by his blood,  
and has made us to be a kingdom  
and priests to serve his God and Father,  
to him be glory and power for ever and ever!

**Amen.**

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 **Blessing**