# Lectio Divina

An ancient church practice meant to engage our minds, hearts, and God-given imaginations with Scripture.

"We have to listen in a very personal and intimate way to the word of God as it comes to us through the scriptures, letting the word descend from our minds into our hearts."

-Henri Nouwen

### Three Questions in Lectio Divina

#### One Word

What is one word or phrase the Holy Spirit impresses on you? In silence, mediate on that.

## **Feelings**

What do you feel? What specific situation in your life today relates? Write down a prayer or pray quietly.

#### *Invitation*

What is God's personal invitation to you from the Scripture? You can write down what the Lord may be saying to you or a prayer of thanks. Or simply rest quietly in the Spirit's presence.

Using one of the scriptures listed below, stay in quiet prayer using the above three questions for a few minutes.

The Lord's Prayer, Matthew 6:9-13 The Beatitudes, Matthew 5:1-12 The Armor of God, Ephesians 6:10-19