

‘I Am With You Always’ – Scripture Thought For The Week

The following resource provides a scripture affirmation and reflection with a simple ritual and concluding song. Settle the community before using them. When they are settled, light a candle and display the Word of God. It is intended that the scripture affirmation be read twice with a brief pause between.

The reflection which follows it should be read slowly. If desired, the scripture affirmation and reflection, and/or the song, can be accompanied with PowerPoint images. (See www.liturgyplanningimages.com)

Depending on the atmosphere of the assembly setting and the readiness of the group, the ritual could be used after the reflection. If it is inappropriate to use the ritual after the scripture reflection then simply allow a period of silent reflection and conclude with the song or hymn. However, if it is appropriate to use the ritual, then ensure it is facilitated in a meditative manner, noting the use of pauses which are indicated by dots ... It may be helpful to use quiet instrumental music as background to the ritual.

The Word Of God

“You are the light of the world...” Matthew 5: 14

Reflection

Have you ever seen a light glowing in the dark on the top of a hill? Have you ever looked at the sky on a crystal clear night, and seen the stars shining through the dark night? Light is a glorious thing. It attracts us. It can show us the way, it can warn us of danger, and can make things clear, or it can simply make us wonder at its beauty. When Jesus said to his followers, “You are the light of the world”, he was telling them that they too could be shining beacons through their goodness and love. In choosing this Word of God today, you have been gifted with a reminder, that you too are a light that shines.

Ritual

Be still now and reflect on Jesus’ Word to you...What is it about you that shines with the goodness of God...Try to name in your heart one way that you are a shining light for others... Ask Jesus to help you make choices today that will let your light shine even more brightly.

Remember

You are God’s light in the world.

Concluding Song

Do Something Beautiful (Graham Kendrick – Do Something Beautiful)

Please note:

The music suggested in this resource is from Australian hymn books and other international publications. You may prefer to substitute some of the music with suitable music from Irish composers and publications.