



*“To attain spiritual enlightenment and become a person of recollected interior life, you should take one or the other of holy Scripture and, for as long a period as possible, concentrate on that alone all your power of attention and meditation; then the light of understanding will be revealed to you.”* The Way of a Pilgrim, Billy, pg. 150

### 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 Sunday, February 17, 2008*

### Reading 1 (Gn 12:1-4a)

The LORD said to Abram:

“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk  
and from your father’s house to a land that I will show  
you.

“I will make of you a great nation,  
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,  
so that you will be a blessing.  
I will bless those who bless you  
and curse those who curse you.  
All the communities of the earth  
shall find blessing in you.”

Abram went as the LORD directed him.

### Responsorial Psalm (Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22)

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust  
in you.**

Upright is the word of the LORD,  
and all his works are trustworthy.  
He loves justice and right;  
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,  
upon those who hope for his kindness,  
To deliver them from death  
and preserve them in spite of famine.

Our soul waits for the LORD,  
who is our help and our shield.  
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us  
who have put our hope in you.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust  
in you.**

### Reading II (2 Tm 1:8b-10)

Beloved:

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel  
with the strength that comes from God.

He saved us and called us to a holy life,  
not according to our works  
but according to his own design  
and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time



began, but now made manifest  
through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus,  
who destroyed death and brought life and immortality  
to light through the gospel.

### Gospel (Mt 17:1-9)

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother,  
and led them up a high mountain by themselves.  
And he was transfigured before them;  
his face shone like the sun  
and his clothes became white as light.  
And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them,  
conversing with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply,  
“Lord, it is good that we are here.

If you wish, I will make three tents here,  
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”  
While he was still speaking, behold,  
a bright cloud cast a shadow over them,  
then from the cloud came a voice that said,  
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.”

When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate  
and were very much afraid.

But Jesus came and touched them, saying,  
“Rise, and do not be afraid.”

And when the disciples raised their eyes,  
they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain,  
Jesus charged them,  
“Do not tell the vision to anyone  
until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

*In thanksgiving for the holy space provided to our centering  
prayer groups, let our intentions include the needs of each  
pastor of each worshipping community: Holy Trinity  
Seminary in Irving, St. Joseph Catholic Church in  
Richardson, and Our Lady of the Lake Church in Rockwall.*

