

As Attitude

- Psalm 139 (God's intimate knowledge of us)
- Isaiah 40: 13-31 (The Creator of all cares for each)
- Isaiah 43: 1-13 (God's promise of renewal)
- Mark 9: 14-29 (A father pleads for his son)
- John 11: 17-27 (Martha's faith)

Scripture

Old Testament

- Joshua 24 (The Covenant and its history)
- Ecclesiasticus 44: 1-15 (In praise of the past)
- Luke 4: 16-16-21 (Jesus fulfils the Scripture)
- Luke 24: 13-35 (The road to Emmaus)

New Testament

- Matthew 5: 38-48 (The Antitheses of the new Law)
- Luke 1: 1-4 (The purpose of the Gospel)
- Hebrews 1: 1-5 (Revelation complete)



Scripture for Prayer to Introduce or Conclude Themed Sessions

(examples)

Passage for prayer

Useful prayer text for:

Deuteronomy 6: 4-9	God; Old Testament; Morality; Prayer
Psalm 8	God; Creation; Faith; Revelation
Psalm 116: 10-19	Eucharist; Death; Holy Week
Proverbs 8: 32-35	Introduction session; Holy Spirit; Scripture
Isaiah 61: 10-11	Prayer; Marriage; Eternal Life;
Matthew 5: 3-12	Jesus; New Testament; Baptism; Morality; Social Teaching; Prayer;
Luke 4: 16-20	Jesus; Holy Spirit; Confirmation; Mission; Liturgy
John 6: 35-40	Jesus; Eucharist; Mass; Eternal Life
Acts 2: 42-47	Church; Mission; Church Unity; Sacraments
Romans 12: 9-13	Church; Reconciliation; Church Unity; Morality; Prayer
Philippians 2: 6-11	Jesus; Holy Week; Eternal Life; Faith; New Testament
Titus 3: 4-8	Baptism; Reconciliation; Eternal Life
Hebrews 1: 1-5	Jesus; Scripture; New Testament

Using Scripture in the Weekly RCIA Meeting

As Guide in Theme-based Sessions (Examples)

- God** Reflection on "images" or "experiences" of God
- 1 Kings 19: 8-13 (Elijah on Mt. Horeb)
 - Luke 15: 11-32 (The Parable of the Merciful Father)

- Creation** Creation as a good
- Genesis 1: (esp. 24-31) (The Creation Story)
 - Psalm 8 (Wonder at Creation)
 - Ecclesiasticus 15: 1-26 (The glory of Creation)
 - Acts 17: 22-28 (-31) (Paul in Athens)
- Creation as damaged by sin (our need for a saviour)
- Genesis 3:1 – 24 (The Fall)
 - Romans 7:21-25 (The Inner Struggle)

- Revelation** God speaks in various ways
- Exodus 3: 1-6 (13-15) (Call of Moses and Revelation of God's Name)
 - 1 Kings 19: 8-13 (Elijah on Mt. Horeb)
 - Luke 24: 13-35 (The Road to Emmaus)

- Jesus** As Christ
- Isaiah 11: 1-9 (The hoped-for King)
 - Isaiah 61: 1-3 (The Anointed One)
 - Luke 7: 18-23 (The Baptist's Question)

- As Son of God
- Mark 9: 2-10 (The Transfiguration)
 - Mark 14:55-64; 15: 33-39 (Jesus' Trial and Crucifixion)
 - Ephesians 1: 1-13
 - Hebrews 1:1-9

- Holy Spirit**
- Isaiah 61: 1-3 (The Holy Spirit as Power for mission)
 - Proverbs 8: 22-31 (Holy Spirit as Creating Power among us)
 - Wisdom 9: (1-8) 9-18 (The Holy Spirit as Wisdom to enlighten)
 - Luke 4: 16-21 (The Spirit in the mission of Jesus)
 - Acts 2: 1-17 (Pentecost – and a bit of Peter's explanation)
 - Acts 2: 42-47 (The Spirit in the life of the Christian Community)

Church

Deuteronomy 23: 16-19 (God's People)
John 15: 1-8 (The Vine)
Acts 15: 23-29 (The Apostolic Letter: A Teaching Church)
1 Corinthians 12: 12-27 (The Body of Christ)
1 Peter 2: 4-10 (God's People, God's Temple)
Revelation 7: 9-17 (The Church in Glory / Communion of Saints)

Sacraments

Baptism

Exodus 14:15 – 15:1 (Crossing the Red Sea)
Ezekiel 36: 22-28 (Cleansing & Renewal of Covenant)
Ezekiel 47: 1-12 (Living Water from the Temple)
Mark 1: 2-11 (The Baptism of Jesus)
John 3: 1-8 (The Conversation with Nicodemus)
John 4: 5-15 (The Conversation with the Woman at the Well)
Acts 8: 26-40 (Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch)
Romans 6: 1-11 (Baptism as share in Christ's death)
1 Peter 3: 18-22 (The Flood as a 'Type' for Baptism)

Confirmation (See 'Holy Spirit')

Isaiah 11: 1-5 (The Sevenfold Spirit)
Acts 19: 1-7 (The Descent of the Spirit at Ephesus – cf 8:14-17)

Eucharist

Exodus 12: 1-14 (Passover)
Exodus 16: 1-18 (Manna in the Desert – cf Psalm 78:23-25)
Matthew 26:17-19; 26-30 (The Last Supper)
John 6: 30-34; 35-40; 48-58 (Bread of Life – The Real Presence)
1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 (Paul's early tradition and interpretation)

Reconciliation

Psalm 50 (The "Miserere")
Luke 18: 9-14 (The Pharisee & the Publican)
John 20: 19-23 (Power to forgive sin)

Anointing of the Sick

Mark 6: 7-13 (The Apostles share Jesus' mission)
James 5: 13-16 (Anointing, prayer, forgiveness & healing)

Marriage

Genesis 2: 18-24 (The Creation origins of marriage)
Song of Songs 2: 8-14 (The Love song of the Beloved)
Mark 10: 1-12 (Jesus teaches about marriage)
Ephesians 5: 25-33 (Marriage as a sign of Christ's love)

Holy Orders

Exodus 18: 13-26 (Moses appoints elders to assist him)
Exodus 24: 1-11 (Moses, Aaron and the elders on Sinai)
Mark 1: 16-20 (The Call of the Fishermen)
Luke 9: 1-6 (The Mission of the Twelve)
Acts 6: 1-6 (The appointment of the Deacons)
1 Timothy 4: 12-16 (Passing on authority by laying on hands)

Prayer

Psalms 63 (Prayer as a longing)
Psalm 131 (Humility & peace)
Luke 11: 1-4 (Jesus Teaches to pray)
John 17: 1-11; 24-26 (Jesus prays – for his disciples)
Acts 4: 23-31 (The community prays – and is heard)
Ephesians 3: 14-21 (Paul's Prayer)
Ephesians 6: 10-20 (Exhortation to pray constantly)
Revelation 5: 6-14 (The Universal praise of God)

Moral Life

Deuteronomy 5: 1-21 (The Ten Commandments)
Luke 18: 18-23 (Going beyond the Commandments)
John 15: 9-17 (The New Commandment)
Romans 13: 8-10 (Love fulfils the Law)

Church Unity

Isaiah 2: 1-5 (Unity of all people)
Ezekiel 37: 11-14 (Restoring the People)
John 17: 20-23 (Jesus' Prayer for Unity)
1 Corinthians 1: 10-16; 3: 1-9 (Paul challenges disunity)

Faith As Response

Genesis 12: 1-8 (Abraham's Call)
Philippians 3: 5-16 (Paul's new outlook of faith)