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25-1"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went
out to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish and five were wise. 3The foolish ones
took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. 4The wise ones, however, took oil in jars
along with their lamps. 5The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became
drowsy and fell asleep.
6"At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'
7"Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish ones said to the wise,
'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'
9"'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who
sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'
10"But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who
were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.
11"Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!'
12"But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'
13"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

➢ **Read and re-read** – out loud and slowly the Gospel. ➢ **Meditate -** on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.	➢ **Pray -** Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition. ➢ **Action** – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).

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In todays gospel we are encouraged to stay awake and be ready as we never know when the moments of grace are to be given to us.

When were the times in our lives after waiting patiently and with open hearts and minds we received a special grace maybe the ability to forgive or patience and understanding in a difficult situation?

Prayer:

Thank You Lord for the people who through their patience and staying awake with us for a very long time helped us to be our true selves with them and as a result great healing took place.

Forgive us Lord for the times we spent a lot of energy blaming ourselves or others for mistakes of the past or being very anxious about the future and as a result we were not aware of the graces that were being offered to us.

Help us Lord always to stay awake and be aware of all around us because we do not know the day or the hour that we will be given a special grace.