

# Lectio Divina

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- **Read and re-read**, out loud and slowly the Gospel
  - **Pray** - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition
  - **Meditate** on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life
  - **Action** – Attitude (Call to change / to act / to do)
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**December 15<sup>th</sup> 2013**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Year A – Matthew 11: 2 - 11**

In this Sunday's gospel we read of the meeting between John's disciples and Jesus and Jesus speaking to John. John heard from his prison what Christ was doing and had a sense that he was the Messiah so he sent his disciples to ask him if he was. "Are you the one who is to come or are we to look for another?" (11:2) Jesus answered "Tell John what you see and hear". (11:4) Jesus answers with great confidence and belief in God's love for Him. John is invited to adapt his mindset and heart to the reality of the ministry of Jesus. John had to let the Spirit who guided Jesus transform him to see that the compassionate action and words of Jesus are God's way of bringing vitality to his people.

What is it that locks you in your prison and prevents you from recognising that the ways of Jesus enable the blind to see, the lame to walk and the deaf to hear? We conquer evil by doing good with His help.

## **Prayer:**

**Thank you Lord** for the people who like Jesus invite us to hear and see how the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, lepers are cleansed and good news is proclaimed to the poor when we place our trust and belief in you.

**Forgive us** for the times we let ourselves be imprisoned by our worries and anxieties and all the injustice in the world rather than bearing witness to your life and bringing the good news to the poor.

**Jesus help us** to let people see the great things you are doing among us and not to lose faith in ourselves because you are always with us even when we do not feel it.

