

## Lectio Divina

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| > <b>Read and re-read</b> , out loud and slowly<br>the Gospel                      | > <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving - Repentance -<br>Petition         |
| > <b>Meditate</b> on reading as being spoken to<br>you, an experience in your life | > <b>Action</b> - Attitude (Call to change / to<br>act / to do) |
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### June 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 Feast of the Ascension of The Lord - Year A - Matthew 28: 16 - 20

In this week's gospel we see Jesus inviting his eleven disciples to meet him on the mountain for a chat. Some fell down before him but other hesitated. He told them to go out and make disciples of all nations. He said "I am with you always until the end of time", so take courage and do as I have taught you. We are reminded that where Jesus has gone, we hope to follow. He has also told us that he is going to prepare a place for each one of us. When were the times we felt like the disciples, with their leader and guide being taken away from them in a most horrific way. He then returned from the dead and is now leaving them again? Many of us experience these feeling when our family or friends who are away, come home and then have to go away again.

#### Prayer

Thank you Lord for your helpful and consoling words in today's gospel "I am with you always even to the end of time". We thank you for the wonderful example of reaching out to all nations shown by Pope Francis in his words and actions reflecting your message to the disciples in today's gospel.

Forgive us for the times when we did not have the courage to bring the message of Jesus to all nations as he requested because of fear. We did not hear or remember his words that he will be with us always.

Help us as parents, teachers and leaders of church and state not be possessive of those in our charge. Let us be like Jesus and let them go trusting that whatever good they have learned from us they will bring to others. Where ever they go Jesus is with them.

