

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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July 16th 2017 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A - Matthew 13: 1 - 23

In this week's gospel we read about the Sower and it is one of Jesus' greatest parables because as a wisdom teaching, which is what a parable is, we get new insights into some aspects of life. There is nearly always an element of surprise in parables. We see the sower as a free and generous spirit continuing to sow even though he may not always see results. He trusts that his faithfulness will eventually bear abundant fruit. Are there times in our lives when we had the temptation to give up sowing seeds of faith in people's lives because we did not see the results we expected?

Prayer:

Thank you Lord for the great gift of Lectio Divina which is this gospel in action. The Word is the seed sown in us. Personal experience is the soil in which it takes root. When we "hear the word and understand it" it yields a rich harvest. Forgive us for not giving the message of Jesus a chance to go deeply into our society. We have become very greedy and what does not bring results immediately we omit altogether. Help us Lord to believe that to live in the Kingdom is to live in the hope that our good actions are in co-operation with the work of God in our world and will yield good fruit eventually.

