

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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September 9th 2012 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time – Year B – Mark 7:31 – 37

In this week's gospel we see Jesus healing a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech. He healed him in private by touching his tongue with spittle showing us that healing often requires intimacy. It was because Jesus had left his ordinary surroundings that he met this man and was able to do his good works. What are the signs that we have witnessed in our life time to let us know that Jesus is really present in our everyday lives?

Prayer:

Lord we thank you for the humility shown by your son Jesus when he ordered those he healed to tell no one about it.

Forgive us for the times that we did not allow ourselves to hear the cry of the poor so that in communion with them we could raise our eyes to God for his help.

Help the leaders of your church to walk in the steps of Jesus not relying on their status alone but on their willingness to meet people at their level in private away from the crowds.

