

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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March 25th 2012 5th Sunday Lent – Year B – John 12:20-33

In this week's gospel we see Jesus fully conscious of the "hour" which is about to come and which is like the kind of crisis moments that occurs to us a few times in our lifetime. We also see Jesus making the journey of faith in His Father. We are invited to accompany him on his sacred journey which is at times very painful when he is heard to cry out to his father for help "save me from this hour". His final petition to his father is "Your will be done."

In our times of crisis do we give up hope or blame others and sometimes feel isolated? Let us remember that the Father is waiting graciously to hear our plea for help also.

Prayer:

Lord we thank you for all the times you answered our cry in the wilderness by sending us special people to walk with us in our lonely hour. As result of this we regained new life, hope and trust in ourselves and others. Forgive us for not taking risks in your name and as a result deprived others of the grace and peace you have given to us especially in our times of great need.

Lord we ask you to help all those who know that the hour has come for them to realise that Jesus is making their painful journey with them. Help all whose children and families have had to go away, to be happy and content.

