

Lectio Divina

- **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)

February 12th 2012 6th Sunday Ordinary Time – Year B – Mark 1:40-45

In this week's gospel we see Jesus healing the leper who pleaded for his help on his knees. Jesus feeling sorry for him stretched out his hand and touched him and he was cured. Lepers were alienated and Jesus cured them because this is why he came to free people from the terrible feeling of alienation and sadness. The man went away bursting to tell everyone about his healing but Jesus had asked him not to tell everyone because the time was not yet right.

How do we as people of God reach out to those who feel alienated? Do we welcome people because they seem right in our eyes or as brothers and sisters in our family of God?

Prayer:

Lord we thank you for the compassion and love of Jesus people who came into our lives and helped us to feel the warmth of the touch of Jesus through which we were cured and brought back into the family of God.

Forgive us for the times that we tried to help people while standing aloof and feeling superior and not letting ourselves reach out and touch people as Jesus did helping them to feel cared for and special. Help us on our journey to be true to you and ourselves and our truth. Help us to realise that you understand how hard our struggle can be at times especially when we are cast aside because of our truth.