

Lectio Divina

- **Read and re-read**, out loud and slowly the Gospel
 - **Meditate** on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life
 - **Pray** - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition
 - **Action** – Attitude (Call to change / to act / to do)
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July 28th 2013

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year C – Luke 11 : 1 - 13

In this week's gospel we see the disciples asking Jesus to teach them to pray because they had witnessed him in prayer. He taught them the Our Father. He also told his disciples that persistence always pays off. Three times he said the word "always". The one who asks always receives, the one who searches always finds, the one who knocks always has the door opened to him.

How do we pray? Do we get tired of asking for what we want instead of seeing that our prayer is always answered in the way Jesus thinks is best for us which we often only appreciate later on in life sometimes years on. Maybe we will not understand until we meet with Jesus when we will see the whole picture.

Prayer:

Thank you Lord for the moments of prayer when we found great hope and peace within us. We felt your presence and were given the grace to bring other people with us because they saw how good it was for us to pray.

Forgive us for the times we became impatient and just gave up praying because we were not getting what we wanted. We did not appreciate that Jesus knew that what we wanted would not be good for us.

Help us to realise that we do not have to put on a mask when coming to prayer because Jesus just wants us to come as we are. He knows us inside out and is just waiting for us to call on him.

