

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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October 2nd 2016 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C - Luke 17 : 5 - 10

In this gospel we have two distinct sections, a teaching on Faith and a parable on humble service. When Jesus was asked by his disciples to increase their faith he told them that all they need is for their faith to be the size of a mustard seed to be able to do great things in his name.

What type of seeds are we planting in the heads of our children? Are we teaching them that the deepest reality in life is profit rather than human relationships based on care, understanding and love? Economics is quantifiable and love is not.

Prayer:

Thank you Lord for the people who bring your love and compassion to all without fuss, knowing that you rejoice with them in all the good in this world.

Forgive us for the times when we turn our prayer life into bargaining with you rather than being grateful to you for your blessings and care for us at all times even when we doubt you.

Help us not to pamper our children giving them the illusion that in life we get quick rewards for our efforts. Let us challenge them as Jesus challenged us that if we want to do anything worthwhile in life, including being good parents, we must be ready to work hard and believe that Jesus is there helping us all.

