

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)
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November 24th 2013

Sunday Feast of Christ the King – Year C – Luke 23: 35 - 43

In this Sunday's gospel we are celebrating the power of Jesus, a power he never used to his own advantage. We see how the power of Jesus works – the divine way. The power of Jesus is based on truth, honesty and forgiveness. What a great world we would have if people used their power in a Christlike way. Jesus exercises this power as he hangs on the cross in the midst of great mocking and jeering by the leaders, soldiers and one of the criminals.

Are we like Jesus as we exercise our duties of parenting and leadership of Church and State in truth, honesty and forgiveness? When were the times that we experienced Jesus' power in our lives?

Prayer:

Thank you Lord for showing us in Jesus the true meaning of power. He came among us and even as he was hanging on the Cross he thought of others as he forgave the good Thief. He never used his role and power as Son of God to gain for himself.

Forgive us for the times we excluded people because we felt they acted unjustly towards us, rather than using these occasions as an opportunity of grace by bringing them to Jesus and uniting all through his Cross and Resurrection.

Help us to be like Jesus turning our moments of loneliness into moments of power when we enter into communion with those in need and unite ourselves in bringing the hope and new life that Jesus brought to us all as he hung on the cross.

