

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent – Year C – Luke 13:1-9**

In this week's gospel we read in part one about two tragic incidents. First Pilate murdering a group of Galileans as they were offering sacrifice in the temple and a tower falling and killing eighteen people. In the second part we have the parable of the man who had a fig tree in his vineyard and came looking for fruit on it but the tree had none. He complained to the man who looked after the vineyard that after three years there was no fruit so "cut it down". The man replied "leave it for one more year and I will dig around it and give it manure, and if it then does not bear fruit you can cut it down".

How do we react when we see tragic events in our papers or on the television especially in a religious setting? In our feelings of uselessness who would be of most help to us "the owner" or the "one who looked after the vineyard"? Why?

## **Prayer:**

**Thank you** Lord for the people who did not lose patience with us on our journey or wanted to leave us without care or cut us down but with tender loving care they enabled us to bloom where we were planted.

**Forgive us** for the times that we look at members of our communities purely as producers and are impatient when we do not get the results we desire from them.

**Help us** always to be aware that when we help people we do not do it from a position of superiority. Sometimes we label them as if they belonged to a different breed of people. Help us to remember we are all sinners in need of repentance and care.

