

## Lectio Divina

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| ➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> , out loud and slowly<br>the Gospel                      | ➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving - Repentance -<br>Petition         |
| ➤ <b>Meditate</b> on reading as being spoken to<br>you, an experience in your life | ➤ <b>Action</b> - Attitude (Call to change / to<br>act / to do) |
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February 28<sup>th</sup> 2016      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 then it does not bear fruit you can cut it down". Have there been times in your life when you felt like the tree in the parable - useless, maybe even a waste of time? Who were the people that believed in you and helped you to grow?

### Prayer:

Thank you Lord for the people who came to us when we felt useless and saw our potential. They prepared to renew the soil around us and give us the help we needed to grow.

Forgive us for the times that we look on people as producers and are impatient and unkind when we do not get the results we desire from them.

Help us Lord in this season of Lent to take stock of our heart and mind with a view to acknowledging our weakness and know that God is only waiting for us to call on him and he will help us to change and melt the hard places in our heart.

