

## Lectio Divina

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- **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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### February 17<sup>th</sup> 2019 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C - Luke 6:17, 20 - 26

In this weeks gospel we read of St. Luke's account of the "Sermon on the Mount" which could also be called the sermon on the plain. Jesus fixes his eyes on us so that we can get to know him well and recognise His presence among us. In the presence of little ones He always felt inspired and filled with 'awe' and told them "yours is the kingdom of God" which means they are the ones who have the wisdom and courage to make the kingdom a reality in the world. Jesus talked on a 'piece of level ground' when there was a large crowd. He did not want to talk down to people but converse with them at their level entering into the greatness He saw in the midst of their poverty, hunger and tears.

How do we relate to the poor and marginalised? Do we approach them in a condescending way or are we like Jesus, fix our eyes and heart on them, so we can really get to know them.

#### Prayer:

Lord forgive us for the times when we felt we were better than others and were sorry for them, causing them to be intimidated by our sense of power.

Lord we thank you for those who reassure us that we are not bad, that the Kingdom of God is in our hands even though we may at that moment be crying bitter tears. We can with their help find a new positive belief in ourselves.

Help us Lord to be like Jesus fixing our eyes and heart on those who are feeling lost so that they can become empowered by believing we really do care for them.

