

## Lectio Divina

### November 12<sup>th</sup> 2023 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A – Matthew 25:1-13

<sup>25-1</sup>Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." <sup>12</sup>But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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| <p>➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ <b>Meditate</b> - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life</p> | <p>➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition</p> <p>➤ <b>Action</b> – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do</p> |
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In today's gospel we are encouraged to stay awake and be ready as we never know when the moments of grace are to be given to us.

When were the times in our lives after waiting patiently and with open hearts and minds we received a special grace maybe the ability to forgive or patience and understanding in a difficult situation?

#### Prayer:

**Thank you Lord** for the people who through their patience and staying awake with us for a very long time helped us to be our true selves with them and as a result great healing took place.

**Lord forgive us** for the times we spent a lot of energy blaming ourselves or others for mistakes of the past or being very anxious about the future and as a result we were not aware of the graces that were being offered to us.

**Help us Lord** always to stay awake and be aware of all around us because we do not know the day or the hour that we will be given a special grace.

