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)

July 1st 2018 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B - Mark 5: 21 - 43

Today's gospel reminds us of the struggle we all know too well, the struggle between our fears and our longing to be able to trust in God. The biggest fear a lot of people have is the fear of death. The stories of Jairus daughter and the woman with the haemorrhage, are told so that we might know that faith will lead us out of fear.

When Jairus asked Jesus to come and cure his daughter, some thought there was no point. Has this ever happened in your life? Who were the people who brought you new life as Jesus did in our gospel today?

Prayer:

Thank you Lord for the people of great faith who help and comfort us in our hour of greatest need when we feel "what is the point in trusting God or anyone"? They gently guide us into the presence of Jesus who wraps his gentle arms around us. Forgive us for the times we allow the dark and gloom of this world to take us over instead of acknowledging we are made in the image and likeness of God—the God of life and hope.

Help us as you helped the woman who touched your garment in faith to bring this healing in your name to all your people. Let us continue to love, care for, comfort and listen to our adult children and in doing this we are touching them with the love and compassion of Jesus.

