Lectio Divina

October 19th 2025 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C - Luke 18:1-8

¹⁸⁻¹And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; ²Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: ³And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. ⁴And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; ⁵Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. ⁶And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. ⁷And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? ⁸I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

- 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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In this week's gospel Jesus tells his disciples about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. The widow reminds us that her power did not depend on money or influential people but on her moral qualities, her passion and her perseverance. She was doing just as Jesus asked us to do. Have we got the faith as strong as the widow or do we give up easily when we feel our prayers are not being answered?

Prayer:

Lord thank you for the people who persist in looking for justice for all. We thank you that they continue to cry out even when they feel there is a delay in their request being granted.

Forgive us Lord for the times we have given up hope and belief that our world could be a better place instead of praying continually and believing you are there for us and will answer our prayers in your own good time.

Help us Lord to let your church be in word and deed the voice of Jesus seeking justice without vengeance.

