



Ordinary Time Scripture Reflection Year B 2012

PRAYER

Begin your reflection with an invocation to the Holy Spirit and with other opening prayers, hymns, and canticles appropriate for the season.

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
 Enkindle in them the fire of your love.
 Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
 And you will renew the face of the earth.
 O Lord who by the light of the Holy Spirit
 Did instruct the hearts of your faithful.
 Grant that by that same Spirit,
 We may be truly wise
 And ever enjoy your consolation.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Proclaim the Gospel passage.

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| * 2 nd Sunday | January 15 th | John 1:35-41 |
| * 3 rd Sunday | January 22 nd | Mk 1:14-20 |
| * 4 th Sunday | January 29 th | Mk 1:21-28 |
| * Presentation of the Lord | February 2 nd | Lk 2:22-40 |
| * 5 th Sunday | February 5 th | Mk 1:29-39 |
| * 6 th Sunday | February 12 th | Mk 1:40-45 |
| * 7 th Sunday | February 19 th | Mk 2:1-12 |

*Each person is invited to silently reflect upon the scriptural text.
 Someone may be inspired to reread the passage for the group.*





MEDITATION

In prayer, meditate on the selected passage using the following questions:

- † *Examine the context of the passage: Who is in the text? Where? When? What is happening?*
- † *What phrase, words, images, or ideas stay with me as I reflect on this passage?*
- † *What thoughts, ideas, or images in this passage make me feel uncomfortable? Why? (The conversion question: "Conversion starts at the edge of our awareness and acceptance and that change usually makes us uneasy" [McKenna 225].)*
- † *What can I do to make this gospel passage come true in my life? In my community? (Start simply, be specific, share insights, and act. [225].)*
- † *What in this passage gives me hope and joy? Why?*

These questions may be used for personal meditation and/or for small group reflection.

CONTEMPLATION and DIALOGUE

In prayerful contemplation, continue to reflect on the scriptural passage and questions. Open your heart to the powerful presence of God.

Within a small group, this personal and private contemplation moves to communal reflection and dialogue.

ACTION

Prayerful reflection on the Word of God moves us to personal and communal conversion and discernment for action. The "hope" empowers us to bring this discernment to life.

CLOSING PRAYER

Prayer completes the movement of the scriptural reflection. This prayer may be formal or spontaneous and may include petitions and prayers of thanksgiving.

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