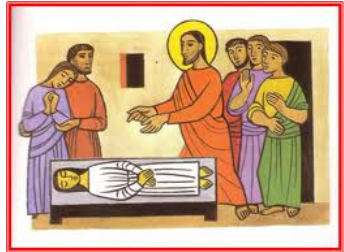


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| | Resurrection of Jairus' daughter | |
| Presence of God | Considering how God looks at me. | |
| History Mark 5, 21 – 43 | <p>21 When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lake.</p> <p>22 Then the president of the synagogue came up, named Jairus, and seeing him, fell at his feet</p> <p>23 and begged him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her that she may be saved and may live.'</p> <p>24 Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him...</p> <p>35 While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the president of the synagogue to say, 'Your daughter is dead; why put the Master to any further trouble?'</p> <p>36 But Jesus overheard what they said and he said to the president of the synagogue, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.'</p> <p>37 And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James.</p> <p>38 So they came to the house of the president of the synagogue, and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly.</p> <p>39 He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.'</p> <p>40 But they ridiculed him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay.</p> <p>41 And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.'</p> <p>42 The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At once they were overcome with astonishment,</p> <p>43 and he gave them strict orders not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.</p> |  |
| Petition | <i>Lord, may I know you more clearly, Love you more deeply and follow you more nearly!.</i> | |
| Contemplation | <p>vv 21-24 A man in anguish pleads for a miracle for his little daughter</p> <p><i>Jesus was followed by a huge crowd because he taught them how to behave better, how to help others and how to love the Father more deeply. Once, there were a lot of people and a very important man came to Jesus to beg for the life of his little daughter who was dying. Imagine the father's anguish because he knew that his daughter, whom he loved so much, was about to die. Let's imagine how he felt, what he told Jesus, why he had faith in Jesus. Jesus felt sorry for him and went to his house. Imagine Jesus walking next to this man and surrounded by a crowd.</i></p> | <p>The love this father feels for his daughter in his heart is a prayer in itself: he resorts to the power of God.</p> <p>This man is poor, he feels helpless because he cannot do anything for his daughter.</p> |

vv 35-40 The girl is dead and Jesus asks her father to have faith

When they were walking, some people arrived from the house to tell the father that his daughter had died. Jesus asked the man to have faith. Let's imagine this father who, despite his profound sorrow and pain, had faith in Jesus and kept walking. People ridiculed Jesus when he said that the girl was not dead (they had seen her die and her corpse was already cold).

“How blessed are the poor in spirit: the kingdom of Heaven is theirs.” (Matthews 5, 3). His poverty allows for the manifestation of God's power.

vv 40 – 43 Jesus resurrects the girl

Jesus turned all the people out and went into the room where the child lay only with her parents and three disciples. Imagine the dead child lying on a blanket on the floor. Imagine Jesus' pain. He bent over the girl and took her by the hand. Jesus' hand, which was big and strong, held the dead girl's small and cold hand. (Make silence for a while)... Imagine how he gives new life to the child who gets up (Make silence for a while)... What did the child's parent do? How did they feel? What did they tell Jesus?

“I am the resurrection and the life; He who believes in me will live, even though he dies”.
John 11, 25

Colloquy

Let's sit on the carpet, on the promised land, near Jesus, to hear him in the silence of our hearts. Imagine that Jesus is sitting very close to you and is looking at you and holding your hand. He stares you in the eyes. How do you feel? Tell him something in your heart.

