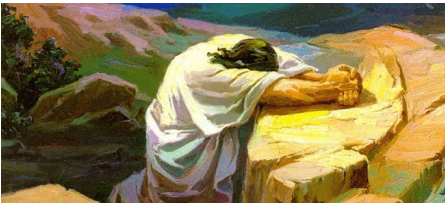


	<b>Jesus calls 12 disciples</b>	
<b>Presence of God</b>	Considering how God looks at me.	
<b>History</b> Mark 3, 13 – 19	<p>13 He now went up onto the mountain and summoned those he wanted. So they came to him 14 and he appointed twelve; they were to be his companions and to be sent out to proclaim the message, 15 with power to drive out devils. 16 And so he appointed the Twelve, Simon to whom he gave the name Peter, 17 James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James, to whom he gave the name Boanerges or 'Sons of Thunder'; 18 Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot 19 and Judas Iscariot, the man who was to betray him.</p>	
<b>Petition</b>	<i>Lord, may I know you more clearly, love you more deeply and follow you more nearly!</i>	
<b>Contemplation</b>	<p><b>v 13 Jesus asks his Father for advice</b> <i>Whenever Jesus had to make an important decision, he always asked for his Father's advice. One day, he had to choose twelve people to become his disciples and help him carry out his mission. It was difficult to choose among so many, so he went onto a mountain and spent the whole night speaking with his Father about who, in his opinion, would make a good disciple. Let's imagine how he goes onto the mountain and starts speaking with his Father ...What position did he use while praying? How did he feel? What did he ask the Father? Imagine Jesus describing each man and his qualities, and pondering his needs.</i></p>	<p>Jesus and his Father are always united. 19 To this Jesus replied: "In all truth I tell you, by himself the Son can do nothing; he can do only what he sees the Father doing; and whatever the Father does the Son does too. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he himself does, and he will show him even greater things than these, works that will astonish you." (John 5, 19-20)</p>
	<p><b>v 13 Jesus calls those he wants by His side</b> <i>When Jesus comes down the mountain, he called the 12 friends he had chosen after speaking with his Father. He knows each of them and loves them deeply. He appointed the Twelve so that they may be his friends and live together for ever. Let's imagine how He called them, the circumstances in which he met each one, what he told them (silence)... How did these men feel? What did they think? What did they tell Jesus? What did they do? What did they find exciting about sharing their lives with Jesus for ever?</i></p>	<p>The first mission of every disciple is to be with his Lord as friends. Jesus said: 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing." 15 "I shall no longer call you servants... I call you friends." (John 15, 5-15)</p>
	<p><b>vv 14 – 15 Jesus gives the disciples power</b> <i>Jesus calls his disciples and gives them gifts so that they can – while they remain in Him – pass on salvation to men in the world. He gives them the wisdom to preach, the power to cure (both physical and spiritual conditions, which are the most painful), and the power to drive the devil out and to sow love and good where the devil has sown hatred, sadness, corruption, evil, lies, jealousy and envy. Imagine the disciples walking up and down the country drawing Jesus nearer people's hearts; they talked to people in such a way that they felt that evil vanished from their hearts to give way to Jesus, with his peace, love and joy.</i></p>	<p>The Holy Spirit, which is the Love of God, gives the disciples the power to communicate that love through their preaching and to continue with the work of Salvation through the sacraments. Thus, the Kingdom of God gets established here on Earth.</p>
	<p><b>vv 16 – 19 Jesus calls men by their names</b> <i>In this part the names of the disciples are mentioned ... Do you remember any name? Each name means a human being in particular, with his life, his history, family, activities, work, etc. Let's imagine each of them....</i></p>	<p>God knows us perfectly well and loves us the way we are. He shows his love by trusting on us and on our capacity to love him back through our decisions and deeds.</p>

**Colloquy**

*Let's sit on the carpet, on the promised land, near Jesus, to hear him in the silence of our hearts.*

*Jesus talked to his Father about Peter, John, etc., all the disciples he appointed later on.*

*Let's imagine Jesus speaking with his Father about you. What would he tell his Father? He truly enjoys telling Him about your good deeds... What good deeds have you done lately, which Jesus and his Father are talking about in Heaven?*

*Participate in their conversation and thank them or ask for something you need.*

