


	Jesus praying in the garden of olives	
Presence of God	Considering how God looks at me.	
History Mark 14,32-42	<p>32 They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” 33 He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. 34 “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.”</p> <p>35 Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. 36 “Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”</p> <p>37 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Couldn’t you keep watch for one hour? 38 Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”</p> <p>39 Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. 40 When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.</p> <p>41 Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. 42 Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”</p>	
Petition	<i>Lord, may I know you more clearly, love you more deeply and follow you more nearly in your time of suffering!</i>	
Contemplation	<p>Brief review of the last supper <i>During the last supper, Jesus is very happy because He is going to the Father and to save those He loves to the end. He is also scared, terrified, because He will be betrayed and tortured to death, for us. He institutes priesthood and gives the commandment of love: “to love” the others like He does – to the end.</i></p> <p>Composition of the place... <i>Imagine the night.. What did the garden look like? There was full moon because it was Passover. One of the disciples had mysteriously left. The rest smelt something fishy.</i></p> <p>vv 32-33.37-38 The disciples do not accompany Jesus <i>The disciples were sleepy, they realized that Jesus was scared and wanted to run way because they felt something was wrong. Three disciples were summoned to follow Jesus closer. He invited them to pray and watch with Him in this hour of pain and suffering.</i></p>	<p>Jesus had gone to the garden of olives to pray at night with his disciples many times; so this place was familiar to them. The festival of Passover coincides with the full moon.</p> <p>The disciples felt asleep and this reveals they wanted to avoid the situation, escape, etc. They did not feel compassion, sympathy or solidarity. The left the Lord all by Himself.</p>

	<p>v 34 Jesus is terrified <i>Jesus is terrified. Imagine his face... his body shaking and trembling... He searches for someone lurking in the shadows... He feels extremely weak.... Imagine Him scared to death...</i></p>	<p>Jesus accepts the limitations of the human flesh: fragility, fear, darkness, desolation.</p>
	<p>vv 35-36 Jesus shelters in his Father's arms <i>When a child is afraid at night, he usually goes to his parents' bedroom. Jesus was scared and also wanted to shelter in his Father's arms. He prayed to God... What did He tell his Father? "Abbá" was the term used by children in the country where Jesus lived in order to call their fathers; it is similar to "daddy" and denotes a close and loving relationship. Jesus told his Father that night: "Daddy, I am terrified... I do not want to go through this ordeal... if it is possible, relieve me from this..." Jesus did not want to suffer and be tortured; so He pleaded the Father to be spared the agony. However, He didn't whine; on the contrary, He was willing to obey His Father's will as He had always done: "Yet not that I will but what you will". The Father asked Him to stay with us, to stand by us, despite all the suffering and pain He would have to endure. Imagine Jesus speaking to his Father... How did Jesus feel? How did the father feel?</i></p>	<p>We have been saved by Jesus' obedience to the Father's will: He wants Jesus to take us all to heaven. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3, 16)</p>
<p>Colloquy</p>	<p><i>Let's sit on the carpet, on the promised land, near Jesus, to hear him in the silence of our hearts. Close your eyes and take a deep breath... imagine that you are sitting by Jesus' side. Comfort Him and Tell Him that you will always stand by Him and obey Him, no matter what. Ask Jesus to help you stand by Him.</i></p>	