

Lenten Retreat in Daily Living
Prayer Material for Week 6 of Retreat

Grace: Knowledge of what is moving in Jesus' heart as he moves toward Jerusalem; sorrow, regret, confusion that Jesus is going to his passion for my sins, for me.

Day 1: *Mark 14:3-11 – The Anointing at Bethany*

Notice the tenderness, love and extravagance of the woman.
Consider the response of Jesus to her.
Notice the reactions of the others present.
Stay with whatever part of this event you are attracted to, remembering that it is happening now.

Day 2: *John 12:23-36 – Jesus' Hour*

Be with Jesus as his hour approaches. What is he thinking and feeling?
How is Jesus inviting me to die, so that more fruit can be produced in my life?
In what specific ways is Jesus a light for me in my life?

Grace: Understanding Jesus is dying for me (for others, but for me). Remorse that Jesus is suffering for me, even to feel anguish and tears.

Day 3: *John 12: 12-19- Entry into Jerusalem*

Jesus enters into Jerusalem as the crowd shouts: "Hosanna." Enter into the mind and heart of Jesus. How is he feeling during this event?

Day 4: *Luke 22:14-23 – Last Supper*

"This is my body....This is my blood...which will be shed for you."

"The hand of the one who is to betray me is with me at this table."

See the feelings in Jesus' heart over the reality of his impending betrayal by someone he trusted.

Savor the wonderful gift of the Eucharist – Jesus giving himself to us each day.

Be with whomever you feel drawn to be with in the scene, sharing your feelings as you are moved to do.

Day 5: *John 13:1-20 – Washing of the Disciples’ Feet*

“Jesus loved his own in this world, and would show his love for them to the end.”

Enter into the mind and heart of Jesus. What was he thinking and feeling?

Notice the reactions of the people present, especially Peter’s reaction.

If you feel so moved, let Jesus wash your feet. How do you feel as he does this?
What do you want to tell him?

Day 6: *Matthew 26:30-56 – Jesus in the Garden*

Be with Jesus in his intense struggle and pain. Enter into his mind and heart.
How do you feel? Pain? Fear? Anger? Joy? Peace?

Notice the Apostles sleeping. How do you react to this?

Share with the Father or Jesus your feelings and reactions. Be attentive to God’s response.

Day 7: Repetition

Return to the point of greatest movement during this past week and linger there.