

# Lectio Divina Script – Agony in the Garden

The story we will listen to follows the Last Supper, where many things occur. It is at the Last Supper that Jesus institutes the Mass and the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. We also know he washed the feet of His Apostles as a way to encourage them to serve one another. He knows what is to come and conveys that one among them will betray Him. After the supper, he goes to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. It is nighttime, and Jesus is surrounded by olive trees.

**BEGIN with the Sign of the Cross and silence.**

*In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

*Holy Spirit, you inspired the authors of Sacred Scripture to write what you wanted us to know for the sake of our salvation. Inspire us now to hear those words not only with our ears, but our hearts, so that we might know your saving Word for us today.*

**Silence.**

**READ the sacred text several times. Introduce this step with these or similar words:**

**LECTIO - READ THE FIRST TIME:**

**Read the sacred text slowly, savoring the words and pausing briefly after significant phrases and sentences.**

## **The Agony in the Garden**

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When he rose from prayer and returned to his disciples, he found them sleeping from grief. He said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test."

**Luke 22:39-46**

**Observe a brief silence.**

## **LECTIO - READ A SECOND TIME:**

*Listen to the reading carefully, paying attention to what words, images, or ideas the Holy Spirit brings to your heart.*

**Read the sacred text again.**

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*What words, images, or ideas did the Holy Spirit bring to your heart? What stood out for you in the reading?*

**Write your response on the paper.**

## **MEDITATION:**

*Listen to the reading for a third and final time. Pretend you are there in the story as a witness.*

*How do those words, images, or ideas relate to your life right now?*

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*What might God be saying to you (us) in this reading? What action might you (we) be called to take?*

*How does God's word make you feel? Excited, encouraged, comforted, loved? Or do you feel challenged, confused, or resistant?*

**Observe a brief silence.**

**Offer your own reflection on the paper provided.**

**PRAY: Respond to the reading by addressing God in prayer. Say:**

*Let's respond to God's word for us in prayer in the silence of your hearts or on the paper provided. Let the Holy Spirit guide your prayer based on what God has revealed to you in the Scripture.*

**CONTEMPLATE: Invite family members to still themselves and "rest in the Word," attending to God's presence:**

*Let's quiet our hearts for a few moments so we might hear God's voice in what we have heard. Rest now in God's presence.*

**CLOSE. After a period of silence, end with the Sign of the Cross:**

*In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*