



Prayers Anchored in the Gospel of John

John 2:12-22

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* Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.* (Book of Alternative Services: 80)

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* **The Collect**
Collecting your thoughts so you can focus
on God.

John 2:12-22 (NIV)

- * ¹² After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.
- * ¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”
- * ¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”
- * ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”
- * ²⁰ They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

* This is a time when you will want to understand the passage and the original intent of the author. Feel free to read it several times and write down your thoughts and questions.



* **Meditation**

1. What did it mean for Jesus to visit the temple in Jerusalem for the Passover?

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* *"I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty. ² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. (Mal 3:1-2)*

2. How had the temple become a marketplace?

¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!"

3. What does Jesus mean that the temple is his body?

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days. ... ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body."

 **Meditation**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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*Response



* Jesus came so that we could receive Him and open ourselves to have many conversations with Him. Take a few minutes to receive the presence of Jesus into your whole day. Ask Jesus to walk with you through each coming event.

* **Prayer**



* Pray for one or two of your friends who have a hard time opening the door of their heart to hear Jesus talk with them. Ask that their eyes may be opened to the love of Christ.

* Prayer

Lord, through my vision, help me to see more clearly the things that You see through Your eyes; through my thoughts, help me to understand the things that You know in Your wisdom; through my tongue, help me to speak the words that are upon Your lips. By Your grace, I want to know the power of Your cross, the fellowship of Your suffering, the triumphs of Your victory, and the glory of a life that is seated with You at the Father's right hand.

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 **Blessing**