



**Prayers Anchored in the
Gospel of John
John 2:12-22**

Saturday, February 15, 2014

* 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)

* www.anglican.ca/resources/liturgicaltextsonline/

* **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.

* Each of us tend to connect with God in different ways. Some of the pathways that are common are:

- Nature
- Solitude
- Service to others
- Study
- Simplicity
- Liturgy or Symbolic Action
- Sharing deeply with others about God
- Art or Music
- Confronting Evil



* **Meditation**

- *Take some time today to connect with God in one of your favourite ways.
- *Remember that God has made each of us to relate to Him in a different way and so we should all connect with Him in unique ways.
- *Enjoy the freedom of walking with Jesus today.

*Meditation

The **love** of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself;
The **power** of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in
his service;
The **joy** of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

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 **Blessing**