



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

Friday, February 14, 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.”^[a]
- * 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.

* Scripture

* This is a time when you will want to think about what God has said to you this week. He has spoken personally and He desires you to pay attention and put some feet to the direction he has given to you.

What words have stuck in your mind this week? What ideas have sifted deep into your soul as you thought about Jesus coming into the Father's house? Into our corporate lives together as believers? Into our spiritual 'home' and the 'rooms' of our soul?

* **Meditation**

*The Spirit of God

- * Comforts
- * Rebukes
- * Teaches
- * Guides

* Sometimes the Voice of Jesus resonates deeply in one of these areas and sometimes we hear that sweet voice in two, three or even all four of these ways. Write down what Jesus has discussed with you this week.

*Meditation

- * Can you take these thoughts and articulate your response back to God? Is your response one of surrender to His direction or are you finding resistance welling up inside? Scripture is meant to become a script to guide and change our lives and with practice you will become better at hearing the Voice of Jesus speak.
- * My response is “Jesus, I surrender to your work of cleansing my life today. I praise you that you have taken my sin upon yourself and offer me eternal life in exchange.”

* **Response**



- * Pray for strength to live out what you have been directed to do this week by Jesus.
- * Pray that you will keep working at this, even though it may take practice to build this direction into your life.

* Prayer

Luke 11:28 (NRSV)

“Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!”

May you receive God’s richest blessings as you obey His Words to you this week.

 **Blessing**