**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

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Luke 22:39-42 (*The Passion* translation)

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***41*** *Then he withdrew from them a short distance to be alone. Kneeling down, he prayed,* ***42*** *‘Father, if you are willing, take this cup of agony away from me. But no matter what, your will must be mine.’*

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***Where is your place that you go to pray?***

***Why is it important to you?***

***Is it a good habit or do you need to find a new place?***

There he told the apostles, ‘Keep praying for strength to be spared from the severe test of your faith that is about to come.’

***What have you been fervently praying for?***

***What things have tested your faith in this period of lockdown?***

‘Then he withdrew from them a short distance to be alone. Kneeling down, he prayed.’

***How do you pray?***

***Do you move away from things that may distract you?***

***Do you always pray alone?***

***Are you seated, standing or walking?***

‘“Father, if you are willing, take this cup of agony away from me. But no matter what, your will must be mine.”’

***What do you need God to take from you this day?***

***How are you going to respond to God’s will?***