Matthew 11: 20-24
Jesus began to reproach the towns
where most of his mighty deeds had been done,
since they had not repented.
"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida!
For if the mighty deeds done in your midst
had been done in Tyre and Sidon,
they would long ago have repented in sackcloth and ashes.
But I tell you, it will be more tolerable
for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you.
And as for you, Capernaum:
Will you be exalted to heaven?
You will go down to the netherworld.
For if the mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in Sodom,
it would have remained until this day.
But I tell you, it will be more tolerable
for the land of Sodom on the day of judgment than for you."

Our Scripture Reflection
No wonder Jesus reproached the stubborn, hard-hearted people of His day who refused to repent. God Almighty was right there in front of them in His Son Jesus but they, in their arrogance, would not heed His message. He was not good enough for them! There
is an important lesson here for us. God is always reaching out to us and speaking to
us. When we complain that God is “distant” or “silent”, the problem is not from God’s
side. The biggest obstacle to a good spiritual life is the lack of time spent with God.
Think about this: If we spent as much time with our friends as we do with God we would
all be friend-less. The good news is we each possess the ability to change this.

Food for your Journey

A fellow who had been reared in the city bought a farm and several milk cows. In the
feed store one day he complained his best cow had gone dry.

“Aren’t you feeding her right?” asked the store owner.

“I’m feeding her what you’ve been selling me,” said the man.

“Are you milking her every day?”

“Just about. If I need six or eight ounces of milk for breakfast, I go out and get it. If I
don’t need any, I don’t get it — I just let her save it up.”

The feed store owner had to explain it doesn’t work that way. With cow’s milk, like
God’s presence, you take all that’s there, or you eventually have nothing.

Asking for God’s power in six-ounce doses, or asking sporadically only at our
convenience, may mean that for us, the source dries up.


A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, I love You. I want to be close to You. You showed me how much You want
to be close to me by sending Your Son Jesus into my life. Lord, I have the ability to
grow closer to You than I ever thought possible. All I have to do is share my time with
You. Help me, Lord, to make Prayer a priority. Amen