

## **Luke 10: 38-end - reflection/prayer of confession**

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Sometimes, O God, we behave like Martha.

We get distracted in our routines,

So busy with our daily chores

that we forget to take the time to stop and breathe,

to look up and to notice the creation you have given

and the way it speaks about your love and passion for your people.

We do not take time to listen for your words,

while reading the Bible,

while listening to music,

while talking to friends,

and we become worried and upset about many things

Sometimes, O God, we behave like Mary.

We devote our time to looking up,

thinking that everything we are commanded to do is to love God,

and we forget to serve our neighbour,

and to commit our time to the concrete work of the church,

forgetting to get our hands dirty.

God of balance, help us:

for give us when we do not know when to be workers and when to be hearers.

In your mercy, heal our worries and our judgements,

so that we can, indeed, keep the best part.

In the name of our loving Master. Amen.