

# Thursday 1st week

**Gospel text (Mk 1,40-45): A leper came to Jesus and begged Him, «If you so will, you can make me clean». Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, «I will; be clean» (...).**

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## ***The "impulse of the heart" in the encounter with God***

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**Today, the bold request of the leper and the overwhelming reaction of Jesus are the answer to the question: Why God did not create a world in which his presence was more evident and convincingly impressive to everyone?**

**We live in a world in which God does not show palpable evidence. You cannot look for Him with arrogance, transforming Him like an “experimental object” in “my laboratory”. You can only find Him with the impulse of the heart, through the “exodus” of “Egypt”. In this world we need to go against the illusions of false philosophies and recognize that not only we live with the “bread”, but above all with the obedience to the Word of God.**

**—Like the leper of today, I look for you, Jesus, with love and inner listening. By living in obedience blossom the feelings that allow “bread” to all.**