

Chapter 13

When the banquet was over at a late hour,
Judith was alone with Holofernes in his tent.
Holofernes lay drunk on his bed.

After praying to God for strength,
Judith used Holofernes' sword to cut off his head.

She went outside and gave the head to her maid.
Her maid put the head in her bag.

Judith and her maid then left the camp
as they usually did
when they went to pray early in the morning.

They went straight to Bethulia
and showed Holofernes' head to the people.

The people were overcome with joy
and praised God for what he had done
by the hand of a woman.

Dear God, please give people the courage
to confront injustice

Chapters 14, 15, 16

At daybreak the Jews attacked the Assyrian camp.
When the Assyrians realized that Holofernes was dead,
they panicked and fled.

The Jews gave thanks to God for all that Judith had done.
Judith praised the God of Israel for rescuing the Jews:
"Lord you are great, you are glorious,
wonderfully strong, unconquerable.
May all peoples love and serve you."

Dear God, thank you for the story of Judith.
Please help me imitate her faith