

Prayer Focus

February 2019

Sunday 3rd (Epiphany 4) Luke 4 vs.28

“When they heard this all in the synagogue were filled with rage!”

Have you ever thought Jesus might be saying something to you which you do not want to hear? Pray for the grace to listen.

Monday 4th

Anger is a very human emotion, pray for the strength to control that emotion that no one may suffer from it.

Tuesday 5th

Anger can sometimes be “righteous”, in other words “justified” in the light of injustice. Pray for an injustice that makes you feel angry.

Wednesday 6th

Remember the times Jesus was angry – when people were treated badly. Find a modern example and pray for the person.

Thursday 7th

Paul said that love was the greatest gift (1. Corinthians 13:13). Pray for someone you love who needs comfort and reassurance.

Friday 8th

The Psalmist (71:1) said that his refuge was in the Lord. In peace and quietness seek that security and strength the Psalmist found in God.

Saturday 9th

Jeremiah did not think he had the strength needed to obey God (Jer.1:6). Pray that you might have the confidence to obey God’s call where ever it comes.

Sunday 10th (Epiphany 5) Luke 5 vs.5

"If you say so I will let down the nets!"

Are we trusting enough of Jesus to go out of our depth in the cause of the gospel? Pray for that trust.

Monday 11th

Imagine that you too are by the lake side hearing Jesus teach. (Luke 5:3b) What might he have to say to you today?

Tuesday 12th

Jesus told the disciples they would be "catching" people. (Luke 5:10) How can you make that promise be made true in your life?

Wednesday 13th

The disciples left everything and followed Jesus. (Luke 5:11) You may not be called to leave everything but how can you make your life more obedient to that call?

Thursday 14th

Paul was passionate about sharing the gospel which had been given to him. (I. Corinthians 15:3) Pray that you may also have such a passion for the good news of Jesus.

Friday 15th

Isaiah (6:5) was overwhelmed by his sense of inadequacy. Pray that you may be encouraged, as he was, to respond to God's call to service.

Saturday 16th

Can you also give thanks, as did the Psalmist (138:1) for all that God has done for you? Can you be careful not to take that blessing for granted?

Sunday 17th (Epiphany 6) Luke 6 vs.22

"Blessed are you when people..... revile you on my account!"

Can you stand up for your faith in the face of adversity? Pray for that strength.

Monday 18th

In the Beatitudes (Luke 6:17-26) Luke offered his hearers values to live by. Read those values again and pray to have the strength to live up to them.

Tuesday 19th

"Woe to you!" (Luke 6:25) Jesus warns about living lives God does not want. Do we take seriously such a warning or are we too complacent?

Wednesday 20th

But Jesus also offers blessings (Luke 6:20-22). Count your blessings! You might be surprised at the number!

Thursday 21st

The Psalmist offers a sense of joy (Ps.1:1) in following the way of the Lord. We too can prosper and flourish in our spiritual lives if we can only obey God's word.

Friday 22nd

Jeremiah challenges the false values that his contemporaries are living by (Jer.17:1). What values shape your life?

Saturday 23rd

When you are overwhelmed by what life throws at you, remember with humility Jesus moment in the Garden of Gethsemane and pray you may find the presence of God *your* Father.

Sunday 24th (Epiphany 7) Luke 6 vs.27

"...love your enemies, do good and lend expecting nothing in return!"
Do we take Jesus seriously in such a demanding instruction? Pray for the humility needed to obey that call.

Monday 25th

"Do as you would be done by!" is a well worn saying but speaks volumes in encouraging us to live side by side in harmony. Does it help to shape your life in relation to others?

Tuesday 26th

Joseph saw good had come from his selling into slavery (Genesis 45:5). God had used their wickedness and turned it to good. Can you remember moments that looked bleak but led to a good result?

Wednesday 27th

The Psalmist urges us to trust God, delight in God, (Ps.37) and find our comfort and rest, our strength and hope in God. Dare you be so trusting?

Thursday 28th

God asks us to follow Jesus example. As Lent approaches pray that God will give you the strength to always try no matter how hard it may be.

Friday 1st March

As we stand at the threshold of Lent Paul speaks with utter conviction that there is life after death (I.Cor.15:54-56). Prepare to enter this time of journeying to Jesus Passion ready to be upheld by that claim.

Saturday 2nd

Jesus said *"Forgive and you will be forgiven!"* (Luke 6:37) How easy do you find it to forgive? Pray for grace and humility not to hold grudges but to forgive.