



'Let's begin with a prayer...' 2023/24

Week Commencing: Monday 26th February 2024
Second Week of Lent Year B

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THEME FOR THE WEEK:
'The Transfiguration.'

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Self Belief
Resilience

2nd Week of Lent Year B.
(The Transfiguration)
'This is my Son, the Beloved.
Listen to Him!'
Mark 9:2-10

WORLD RELIGIONS AND CULTURAL EVENTS:
2ND WORLD TEEN MENTAL WELLNESS DAY, 5RD MARCH WORLD WILDLIFE DAY

FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:
Feast of St David- Friday 1st March
2ND TRUST PATRONAL FEAST DAY
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Monday

We are now in the second week of Lent... Yesterday we heard in the Gospel the story of the transfiguration of the Lord- the moment when Peter, James and John were able to see the Glory of the God made known to us in the person of Jesus Christ.

Jesus was transfigured before them with Elijah and Moses. The disciples will have understood the significance of Elijah being present as it was known that this great Prophet would return when the longed-for Messiah would arrive on earth.

Moses was there to show that Jesus, their friend, brother and redeemer, was the fulfilment of the law.

The disciples were so ecstatic to be in the presence at this moment of revelation that Peter exclaims 'Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here.' They could have stayed up that holy mountain in peace forever, however, the mission of Christ and in turn the mission of His followers was back down the mountain and eventually to Golgotha.

Lord,

Open our eyes, our minds and our hearts to see You, especially in the faces of those who are suffering. Even in moments of difficulty, grant us the knowledge that You are with us, particularly through the closeness of those who you have placed into my life this day. Amen.

Tuesday

Jesus, your love led you to take up the cross. Walk with us. When we feel afraid, help us to be brave. Give us the courage to speak out to change our world, so that all our sisters and brothers can experience justice.

Wednesday

A prayer of St Therese of Lisieux

'May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.'

May we be instruments of God's peace and love today and always.

Amen

Thursday

As we continue our journey through this Year of Prayer, we bring to the Lord all of our needs this day- we pray, with one united voice, in the words given to us by Jesus:

Our Father...

Friday - St David's Day

Saint David said: "Be joyful, keep your faith and your creed, and do the little things".

Today, as we remember David, patron saint of Wales, let us pray to God who calls people in every generation to be faithful witnesses to his son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Help your church to walk joyfully and hopefully in her faith in the gospel. Strengthen those who lead the church.... As we proclaim the good news in this generation help us to do the little things that bring the light and love of Christ to the lives of others.

Amen

25* February (Sunday) LAILAT-UL-BARA'AH [The Night of Forgiveness] Muslim

Muslims seek forgiveness for their sins at this time. Many hold that on this night a person's destiny is fixed by Allah for the coming year. The night is spent in prayer, asking for forgiveness and God's guidance. Some fast during the daytime in preparation. In certain parts of the world Muslims visit the graves of relatives, and the giving of charity is also traditional. In many places the night is marked with firework displays.

* Muslim festivals begin in the evening before the Gregorian dates shown in this calendar.

24 February (Saturday) MAGHA PUJA Buddhist

1,250 enlightened disciples came to the Bamboo Grove on the full moon of Magha. The Buddha predicted his death and gave a summary of his teachings and a code of discipline which all monks are expected to recite every fortnight. The day is observed with meditation, chanting and listening to sermons.