

Devotional Diary 24 Feb - 2 March 2014

Reading for Sunday 2 March: Transfiguration Sunday (Thanks to www.gbod.org)

[Exodus 24:12-18](#). The mystery and awe of God's holy presence: God calls Moses up on the mountain, and Moses enters the cloud of God's glory.

[Psalm 99](#)

[2 Peter 1:16-21](#). Peter says, "We had been eyewitnesses of his majesty ... we were with him on the holy mountain ... So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed."

[Matthew 17:1-9](#). Matthew's account of the Transfiguration.

Monday:

Adoration Focus: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. (Psalm 105:3)

Confession: This week we look at certain resources that God has given us. How are we using/abusing them? Today simply try to name some resources' and begin to examine your use of them.

The Word: See readings above or use your own devotional resources.

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: We pray for our church: Today: that we may be wholehearted worshippers.

Personal prayers: (Use this section to list people you need to pray for or situations of personal concern that you need to bring before God in prayer)

Dedication: "So keep Jesus before your eyes. Don't hesitate to go anywhere he leads you; don't stay where you are and don't look back, but look forward with eagerness to what lies ahead." (From "Rule for a new brother" by H van der Looy)

Tuesday:

Adoration Focus: How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. (Psalm 104:24)

Confession: Lord, help us to use the resources that you have given us responsibly and in ways that reflect your Kingdom and rule.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: We pray for our church: Today: that we may be connected and caring.

Personal Prayers:

Dedication: "So keep Jesus before your eyes. Don't hesitate to go anywhere he leads you; don't stay where you are and don't look back, but look forward with eagerness to what lies ahead." (From "Rule for a new brother")

Wednesday:

Adoration Focus: Praise the Lord... who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. (Psalm 103:5)

Confession: We focus on the resources of this earth. Water, land, minerals, fuel, forests, etc. In our short-sightedness and greed we have caused much damage and suffering. Lord help us, each one, to take the call to conserve and to be responsible to heart

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: We pray for our church: Today: that we may be listening and responding...

Personal prayers:

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Thursday:

Adoration Focus: But you, O Lord, sit enthroned forever; your renown endures through all generations. (Psalm 102:12)

Confession: We focus on the resource of money. Lord, our use of money reflects our priorities. Help us to place this important area under your direction, and to seek your Kingdom first in this area also.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: We pray for our church: Today: that we may be warmly welcoming.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: "So keep Jesus before your eyes. Don't hesitate to go anywhere he leads you; don't stay where you are and don't look back, but look forward with eagerness to what lies ahead." (From "Rule for a new brother")

Friday:

Adoration Focus: I will sing of your love and justice; to you, O Lord, I will sing praise. (Psalm 101:1)

Confession: Lord, you have made vast spiritual resources available to us. You have given us all we need to live a full life of love. Enable us to open up your gifts and to share these with each other.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: We pray for our church: Today: that we may be able to more out of our comfort zone as God leads us.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: "So keep Jesus before your eyes. Don't hesitate to go anywhere he leads you; don't stay where you are and don't look back, but look forward with eagerness to what lies ahead." (From "Rule for a new brother")

Saturday:

Adoration Focus: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. (Psalm 100:3)

Confession: We pray for guidance as to how you would have us use the gifts and abilities you have placed within us.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: We pray for our church: Today: that we may be able to care for suffering, empathise with others and care for "the least of them".

Personal prayers:

Dedication: "So keep Jesus before your eyes. Don't hesitate to go anywhere he leads you; don't stay where you are and don't look back, but look forward with eagerness to what lies ahead." (From "Rule for a new brother")

Sunday:

Adoration Focus: The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake. (Psalm 99:1)

Confession: Today we bring the resource of time before you, O God. Help us to use time wisely. We thank you for this gift. May our use of it reflect your love, your order, and your priorities. Release us from all that "drives" our time in inappropriate ways.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: We pray for our church: Today: that we may be able to risk as we offer ourselves as "sacrifices of praise".

Personal prayers:

Dedication: "So keep Jesus before your eyes. Don't hesitate to go anywhere he leads you; don't stay where you are and don't look back, but look forward with eagerness to what lies ahead." (From "Rule for a new brother")