



These daily readings leading up to Easter will reflect on conversations Jesus had during his ministry. As you read God’s word, keep a note of what God says to you and what your response is to him.

The daily readings tie in with the Sunday teaching series and with studies in small groups. Alongside this are a series of questions as prompts for reflection in 2s or 3s.

**“May God the Creator bless us. May God the Son walk with us. May God the Spirit lead our lives with love.**

**May the blessing of the One who was, and who is and who is to come be upon us all - redeeming our past, filling our present and lighting up our future.”**

**A Celtic blessing**

<p>Day 8 Weds Mar 8<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>Jesus’ dedication</b>  Read Luke 22:39-46  Jesus’ dedication to his redemptive mission to save the lost is seen throughout his life. Even when many turned against him, he never gave up. Jesus had regularly talked to his disciples about his dedication to do his Father’s will (see for example John 4:34, 5:30, 6:38). Here in the Garden of Gethsemane, he experienced agony &amp; distress beyond anything we can imagine or will ever face. His words to his Father - “Not my will, but yours be done” (v42) – show his complete and unqualified submission to the will of His Father in Heaven. We will be forever thankful for Jesus’ dedication &amp; the suffering he endured so that our redemption could be complete.  In this intense suffering, Jesus turned to his Father. Like Jesus, we can reveal our deepest emotions to our loving heavenly Father. He knows what we are feeling, and we can trust him to carry the burdens of our souls.  “Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.” Psalm 62:8  May we, too, determine to commit our lives to the Lord &amp; his service.</p>
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