

TAKING FAITH HOME



10th February 2013

the *faith*5 faith acts in the home



share your highs and lows of the day or discuss some of the questions from the **FOURKEYS** *caring conversations*.



read and highlight a passage of scripture in your Bible. These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. Try to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	Luke 9:28-43	Jesus is transfigured
Monday	Ezekiel 1:1 - 2:2	Ezekiel sees the Lord's glory
Tuesday	Luke 10:21-24	Hidden things revealed
Wednesday	Matthew 6:1-6,16-21	Giving, praying and fasting
Thursday	Zechariah 7:4-10	Justice, mercy and compassion
Friday	Joel 2:1-2,12-18	A call to repentance
Saturday	Psalms 51:1-17	Have mercy on me, O God
Sunday	Luke 4:1-13	The temptation of Jesus



talk about how the Bible passage relates to your highs and lows or discuss some of the ideas in **FOURKEYS** *devotions*.



pray for your highs and lows, for your family, and for the world.



bless one another using the following blessing or make up your own.

mealtime prayer

Lord Jesus, shine on our home. Feed us in body and soul, so that we become your lights in the world. Amen.

verse for the week

A voice came from the cloud. It said, "This is my Son, and I have chosen him. Listen to him."

LUKE 9:35 (NIRV)

blessing

May God the Father open your ears to listen to Jesus. May God's Spirit make you more and more like Christ. Amen.

LUKE 9:35; 2 COR. 3:18

FOURKEYS

for practising faith

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Name someone or something you enjoy listening to.
- Why is important to listen to others? What is the difference between hearing and listening?
- God the Father tells us to listen to his Son, Jesus (read Luke 9:34-35). What does it mean to listen to Jesus?



This coming Wednesday (Feb. 13) is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. The association of the day with ashes goes back to the 6th century. For centuries, Christians have received ashes on their head as a reminder of mortality and a sign of sorrow for sin. If you are unable to attend a worship service on Wednesday, have a brief time of observance in your home. Prepare in advance a small bowl of ashes to use.

Bible Readings: Genesis 3:19, Mark 1:15.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as we enter the season of Lent today, we confess our need for a Saviour. Prepare our hearts and minds throughout this season so that we may grow in serving others, showing thanks for how your Son has loved and served us. Amen.

Leader: Let us now mark one another with ashes as a sign of sorrow for our sin, and our trust in Jesus to save us.

Household members: take turns in making the sign of the cross with ashes on one another's foreheads, saying these words: "Dust you are, and to dust you shall return. Repent and look to Jesus your Saviour."

Bible Reading: Psalm 103:13-14,17



As a household, consider giving up a treat food or activity for Lent. Each week put into a tin the amount of money saved through this sacrifice. Decide on a charitable cause to donate the money to at the end of Lent.

The day before Ash Wednesday is called Shrove Tuesday. The name 'shrove' comes from the practice of being "shriven" – going to church to confess your sins and receive absolution – before the start of Lent. Shrove Tuesday is also sometimes called Pancake Tuesday or Fat Tuesday, because households used up their remaining eggs and fats before Lent by making pancakes on this day. Observe Shrove Tuesday with either a pancake breakfast or dinner. As you eat, talk about what Jesus gave up for our sake, and what you might wish to give up for Lent in spiritual preparation for Holy Week.



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