

FEBRUARY 15, 2015  
TRANSFIGURATION  
SUNDAY

# taking<sup>+</sup> faith home

Listening to Jesus, God's beloved Son.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.  
We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Mark 9:2-9	The transfiguration of Jesus
Monday	Proverbs 8:32-35	Listen to me
Tuesday	John 10:1-4	Listening to the shepherd
Wednesday	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	The practice of faith
Thursday	Joel 2:1-2, 11-13	Return to the Lord your God
Friday	Isaiah 58:1-12	True fasting
Saturday	Psalms 51:1-12	Have mercy on me, God
Sunday	Mark 1:9-15	The temptation of Jesus

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

A voice came from the cloud. It said, "This is my Son, and I love him. Listen to him!" Mark 9:7 (NIRV)

### SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Jesus, Son of God, open our ears and our hearts so that we listen to you. Amen. (Mark 9:7)

#### Mealtime Prayer:

For every cup and every plateful, to you, O God, we're very grateful. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May God lead you to listen to his Son, Jesus. May you see and know that Jesus is with you. Amen. (Mark 9:7-8)

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## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What is the tallest mountain you have climbed? What could you see from the top?
- Jesus led Peter, James and John up a high mountain. What took place there? Why do you think Jesus wanted them to experience that?
- Where and when have you had a special experience of God's presence? How has that helped you to listen to him and follow him?

## DEVOTIONS

The church season of Lent begins this coming Wednesday. The first day of Lent is called Ash Wednesday. Traditionally, this is a day for Christians to remember that we are sinners and that we need a Savior. Observe Ash Wednesday, February 18, in your home by marking one another with ashes. Burn some paper and crush it into fine ashes. Then mix the ashes with a small amount of olive oil. Make the sign of the cross on one another's foreheads as you say these words:

**Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn back to God and believe in the good news of Jesus.**

## SERVICE

Make this week "Secret Service Week" in your home. Put your names in a hat and have each person draw out someone else's name. During the week, perform a secret act of service for that person. Share your ideas about secret acts of service that could be carried out for one another.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Plan a household trip to an elevated place (a hilltop, a mountain, a top floor of a high building, etc.) in your area. Talk about the different perspective this view gives to you. As you enjoy the view, share about "mountaintop" experiences you have had in your relationship with God. Share about times when God has helped you to develop a new perspective on some aspect of your life. Say a prayer of thanks for God's creation and for Jesus' presence with you.



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