

Confidence in God's Word



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Monday



Prayer Leader:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

During Lent, our series of prayers will help us to think about what it means to walk confidently with Jesus.

God loves us like a parent who knows exactly what we need. As we grow older, we are trusted with more choices and responsibilities.

At first, we are gently led to Jesus, and as we grow, we begin to hear His call and choose to walk with Him ourselves.

Our prayers each week will help us to grow in our faith, with confidence in all that God offers to us.

We can walk along with Jesus and grow in confidence as we learn to follow His example and let Him guide us in our lives.

This week, we are thinking about having **confidence in God's Word**.

In the Gospel, Jesus remembered the Scriptures and found strength to resist temptation.

The Scriptures help us too – when we're tempted to make a bad choice,

the Scriptures can give us confidence to choose God's way.

Today, we will grow in confidence in God's Word as we **learn and sing** the first part of **our Lent song**, "*Walk Along With Jesus*".

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Matthew 4:4



Prayer Leader:

Let's listen to Jesus in the Scriptures, who relies on the Word of God to give Him confidence.

(Invite the Reader to read from the Scriptures.)

Reader:

'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' (Matthew 4:4)

Prayer Leader:

Even when the devil tempted Him in the desert, Jesus remembered what was written in God's Word and knew that what God said was the most important thing.

We can be inspired by Jesus' strength to turn away from temptation. No matter how hard it might seem, Jesus is always there to lead us in God's way. He gives us confidence to trust in God's Word.

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Jesus, here I stand
confidently reaching out to you.
Jesus, as you take my hand,
I'll confidently walk along with you.

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When I am tempted,
With confidence I'll trust in your Word.
Fill me with your strength, O Lord
Help me choose your way.

Walking beside you,
With confidence I'll give, act and pray.
Fill me with your love, O Lord
Guide me on my way.



Prayer Leader:

Let's pray that we would be like Jesus and have confidence in God's Word by learning and singing our Lent song - *'Walk Along With Jesus'*.

First let's hear the song and bring our attention to the words.

As you listen you might like to read the lyrics on screen at the same time.

- **What is God saying to you through the lyrics in the song?**

(Click to play audio of song.)

Walk Along With Jesus



Prayer Leader:

Now let's get ready to sing together.

As we sing and pray you might like to tell God in your heart about what you need from Him today, to help grow your confidence in His Word.

(Click to play lyric video.)



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Prayer Leader:

In His time of difficulty, Jesus turned to the Scriptures, finding strength and confidence to choose God's way.

How might you turn to the Scriptures to help you throughout the day?

- You could start your day by reading a Bible story, then think about it again later, and ask God what He wants you to remember.

Let's finish by praying together:

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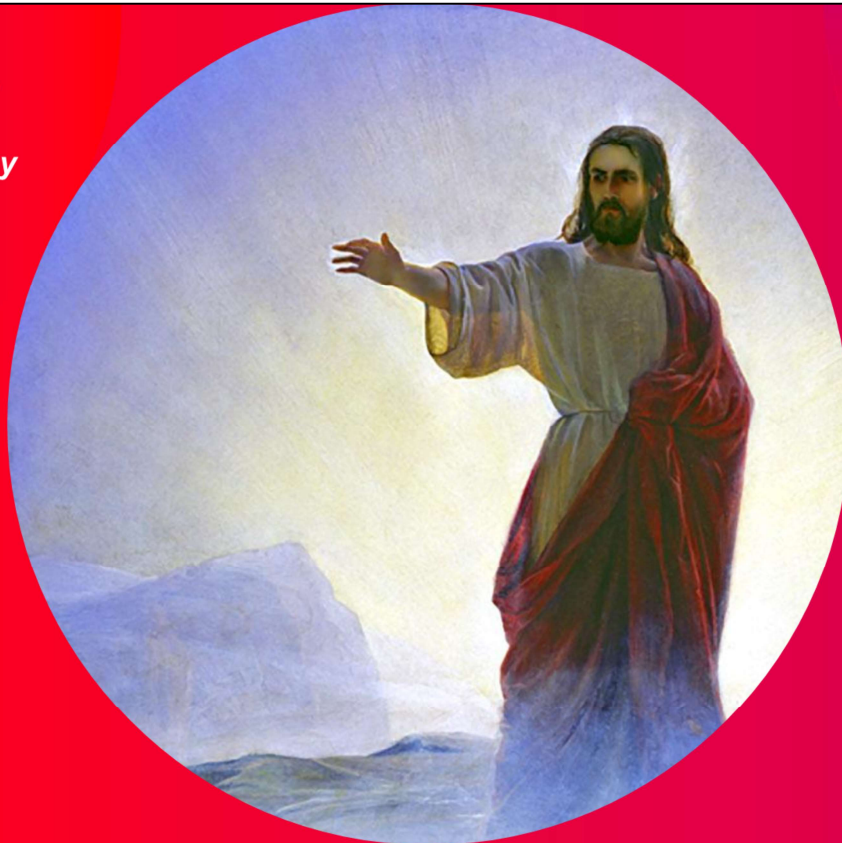
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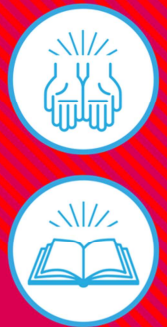
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Tuesday



Prayer Leader:

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen**

Our prayers this week are focusing on **growing our confidence in God's Word.**

Though tempted by the devil in the desert, Jesus was quick to turn to God's Word for strength.

(Invite the Reader to read from the Scriptures.)

Reader:

'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' (Matthew 4:4)

Prayer Leader:

We too can resist the temptations we face when we know what God says is true — we can confidently choose God's way.

Yesterday we learned the first verse of our Lent song.

This song helps us to remember to walk along with Jesus who gives us

confidence to grow in our friendship with God.

Today we'll have confidence in God's Word by **praying with a piece of artwork.**

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Prayer Leader:

We're going to look at a piece of artwork to help us to pray. This way of praying is called 'Visio Divina' which means 'divine seeing'.

Make yourself comfortable so you can fully focus on what God is saying to you through this image.

Look at the mosaic called 'The Temptations of Christ':

- What is the first thing you notice in the picture?
- Can you find Jesus? What is He doing?
- Who else do you see near Him?
- What do you think the artist wanted to show us about Jesus?
- What is Jesus holding on to in His hands in every part of the image?
- If Jesus could talk to you from this picture, what might He say?

How does the mosaic of Jesus saying 'No' to the tempter help you to grow in faith, with confidence in God's Word?

You can share your thoughts, feelings and prayers with God now.

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Walk Along With Jesus



Prayer Leader:

Now let's sing the first part of our Lent song together again.

You might like to ask Jesus to give you the strength to say 'no' to temptations as we sing and pray.

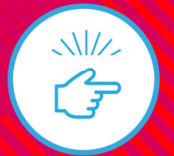
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May our words and actions show
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Prayer Leader:

Jesus' trusted in God's Word which gave Him the strength He needed to say 'No' to temptation.

How can you be strong and confident in God to say 'no' to temptation today?

- Could you choose to tell the truth, even if lying feels easier?
- Or perhaps take a deep breath when you feel angry to stay calm instead of losing your temper?

Let's finish by praying together:

All:

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Wednesday



Prayer Leader:

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen**

This Lent our prayers are helping us to grow in our faith, with **confidence in God's Word.**

God's Word, through the Scriptures and what He speaks to us, gives us faith and confidence to face challenges in our lives.

Jesus guides us by giving us His example, and inspires us to walk along with Him in God's ways.

Yesterday we prayed using a piece of artwork, to give us confidence to say 'No' to temptations.

Today we'll grow in confidence in God's Word by **memorising Scripture.**

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'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

Matthew 4:4



Prayer Leader:

Let's hear Jesus' words in the Scriptures again.

(Invite the Reader to read from the Scriptures.)

Reader:

'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' (Matthew 4:4)

Prayer Leader:

Did you know that Jesus was quoting the Old Testament Scriptures? That's the bit of the Bible that was written before Jesus was born.

Jesus knew God's Word by heart. Knowing God's truth helped Jesus to stand firm against temptation.

We too can trust in God's Word.. Bringing these words to mind will help us be strong and confident in faith.

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**‘Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from
the mouth of God.’**



Prayer Leader:

We're going to memorise the Scripture that Jesus quoted from the Old Testament to help us pray.

Let's repeat these words from Scriptures together now.

All:

‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’

(Repeat the Scripture quote until everyone is familiar with the words.)

Prayer Leader:

God's Word gives us life, direction and hope!

As we use this Scripture verse to pray, let the words sink into your heart and mind.

(Invite a Reader to read the prayers.)

Reader:

When my confidence is low, Heavenly Father, remind me that...

All: 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

Reader:

When I am tempted to go against God's way, Jesus, remind me that...

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Reader:

When I need to know what is right and true, Holy Spirit, remind me that...

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Prayer Leader:

You might like to talk to God in the quiet of your heart now.

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Prayer Leader:

Now let's sing the first part of our Lent song together again.

You might like to ask Jesus to help you to remember God's Word as we sing and pray.

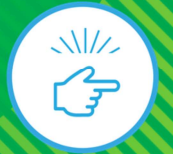
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Prayer Leader:

Jesus used the Word of God to help Him in times of difficulty.
When we remember and use God's Word, it can help us too!

When might you use the memory verse to help give you confidence this week?

- Maybe when you hear something that doesn't sound true, and you want to remember what God's Word says.
- Or perhaps when you feel unsure or afraid, and you need God's Word to give you strength.

Let's finish by praying together:

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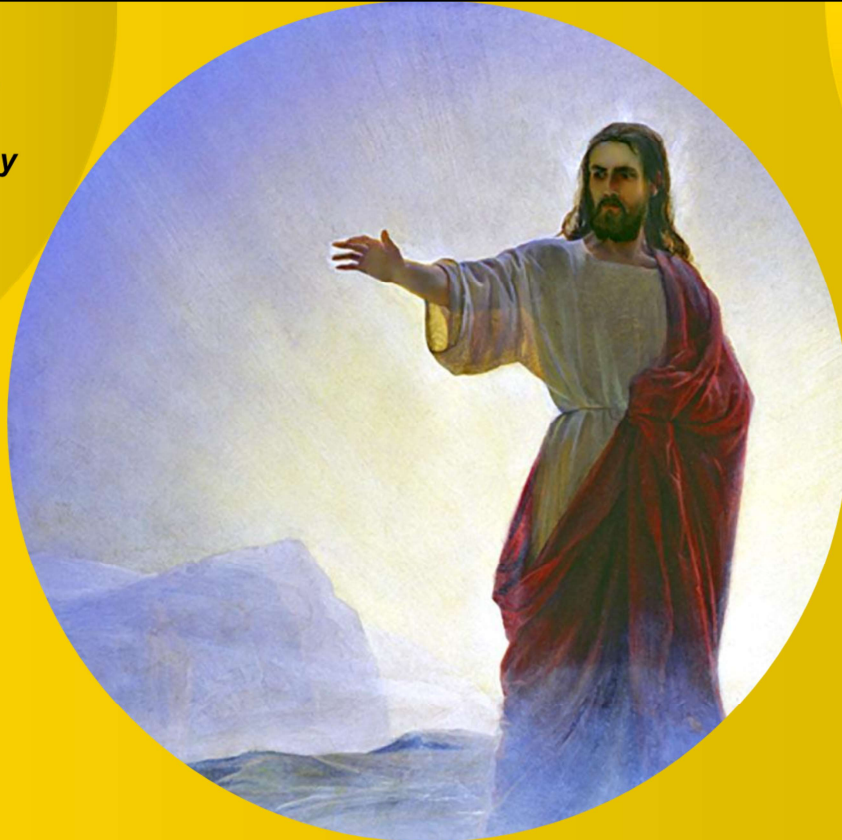
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Thursday



Prayer Leader:

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Amen**

This week our prayers have helped us to grow in our faith, with **confidence in God's Word.**

Jesus found strength to resist temptation by remembering God's Word in the Scriptures.

(Invite the Reader to read from the Scriptures.)

Reader:

'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' (Matthew 4:4)

Prayer Leader:

When we have confidence in God's Word, knowing what God says is true, we can experience strength and confidence to choose God's way.

Yesterday we learned a memory verse to keep God's Word in our minds and hearts.

Today we'll have confidence in God's Word by **journalling with sentence starters.**

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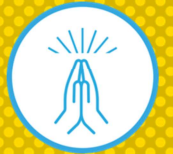


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God gives me confidence to...

Jesus, send me your Holy Spirit,
so I can be confident even if...



Prayer Leader:

Journalling our prayers, by writing or drawing, helps us to share our feelings with God and remember what He says to us in response.

Let's spend some personal prayer time with God now, journalling with these prayer starters:

- I am confident when...
- God gives me confidence to...
- Jesus, send me your Holy Spirit, so I can be confident even if...

As you listen to the music, write or draw your thoughts, feelings and prayers — offering this time to build your confidence in God's Word.

(Click to play background music and allow time for journalling.)

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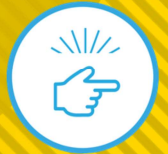
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Prayer Leader:

Jesus shared His confidence in God's Word with others, encouraging them to be confident in God too.

How can you share your confidence in God and His Word with others today?

- Maybe you could share your favourite Bible verse with a family member.
- Or perhaps draw a picture of your favourite Bible story and show it to someone to remind them how great God is.

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