

Confidence in God's Plans



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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 are helping 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 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 through our lives.

This week, we are thinking about having **confidence in God's plans** for us.

In the Gospel, Jesus revealed His true self to some of His disciples. They saw Jesus in glory — a glimpse of His Resurrection, that was to

come.

In Jesus, God the Father revealed the fulfilment of all His plans.

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

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‘And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him.’

Matthew 17:3



Prayer Leader:

Let's listen to the Scriptures.

(Invite the Reader to read from the Scriptures.)

Reader:

‘And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him.’ (Matthew 17:2-3)

Prayer Leader:

As His disciples watched, Jesus shone in glory and they saw two holy men of God — the prophet Elijah and Moses the lawgiver — appear with Jesus. God's voice from Heaven spoke, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him."

Listening to Jesus gives us confidence to begin to hear and understand the plans God has for us.

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

Knowing you are with me
With confidence I'll trust in God's plans.
Fill me with your courage, Lord
To follow you each day.

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 will listen to Jesus and have confidence in God's plans for us, 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 you to understand and be confident in His plans for you.

(Click to play lyric video.)



O God,
You have asked us to listen to Jesus,
your beloved Son.

Help us to grow in faith and understanding
so that we may see your glory
and know your plans for us.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.



Prayer Leader:

God's plans for us are not only plans for way off in the future — He has plans for you today!

You might not know all that God has in store for you but as you listen and choose God's way you will begin to hear God's call.

How might you walk in God's way today?

- Maybe you could listen to others and treat them with kindness.

Let's finish by praying together.

All:

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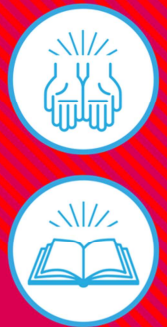
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Matthew 17:3

Tuesday



Prayer Leader:

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

Our prayers this week are focussing on **growing our confidence in God's plans.**

At the Transfiguration, two holy men from long ago appeared with Jesus and spoke with Him.

(Invite the Reader to read from the Scriptures.)

Reader:

'And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him.' (Matthew 17:3)

Prayer Leader:

We can hear in the Old Testament how Moses and Elijah guided and helped God's people. They were part of God's plan for the world. As Jesus was transfigured on the mountain, God revealed the most important part of His plan — His Son, Jesus.

When we listen and pray, God gives us the confidence to hear and understand His plans for us.

Yesterday we learned the second verse of our Lent song. This song reminds us to walk along with Jesus who gives us confidence to grow in our friendship with God.

Today we'll have confidence in God's plans 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 painting called 'Transfiguration':

- Which part of the picture stands out for you?
- What do you notice about Jesus' robes, and the cloud and sky around Jesus?
- Where can you see Moses and Elijah? What might they be saying to Jesus?
- What do you think the artist wanted to show us about Jesus?

How does this painting help you to understand more about Jesus and grow in faith and confidence in God's plans?

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 second part of our Lent song together again.

You might like to ask Jesus to help you to listen and understand as we sing and pray.

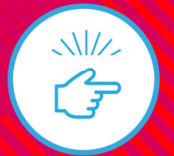
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and know your plans for us.

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Prayer Leader:

Through the Transfiguration, God revealed Jesus' true identity to the disciples.

Knowing who Jesus really is, helps us to be confident in His guidance as we come to know God's plans and follow in His way.

How can you walk in God's way today?

- Maybe you could think about times when your words or actions might have hurt others, choose to say sorry and put it right.

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 plans.**

Jesus came to lead us to God the Father — He was the fulfilment of God's plans for the world.

Jesus helps us to understand and have confidence in the plans God had for us.

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

Yesterday we prayed using a piece of artwork, to give us confidence in who Jesus is.

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

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'...a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him."'

Matthew 17:5



Prayer Leader:

Let's hear from the Scriptures what happened after Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus.

(Invite the Reader to read from the Scriptures.)

Reader:

'And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him."' (Matthew 17:4-5)

Prayer Leader:

Jesus trusted in God the Father's plans and we too can trust in God's plan for us.

Bringing these words to mind will remind us to listen to Jesus and help us be strong and confident in our faith.

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“This is my beloved Son...
listen to Him.”



Prayer Leader:

We're going to memorise the words of God the Father in the Scripture.

Let's repeat these words from Scriptures together now.

All:

“This is my beloved Son... listen to Him.”

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

Prayer Leader:

Listening to Jesus 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 I am not sure which way to turn, Heavenly Father, remind me of your words...

All: “This is my beloved Son... listen to Him.”

Reader:

When I am feeling confused, Jesus, remind me of who you are...

All: "This is my beloved Son... listen to Him."

Reader:

When I find it hard to trust in God's way, Holy Spirit, remind me to have confidence and listen...

All: "This is my beloved Son... listen to Him."

Prayer Leader:

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

Walk Along With Jesus



Prayer Leader:

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

You might like to ask Jesus to help you to trust in God's plans as we sing and pray.

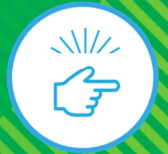
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Prayer Leader:

God the Father wants us to listen to Jesus who helps us to know and follow His plans for us.

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

- Maybe when you have a difficult choice to make and you want Jesus to guide you.

Let's finish by praying together.

All:

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Matthew 17:2-3



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 plans.**

Elijah and Moses were with Jesus as He was transfigured in front of His disciples. God the Father revealed His Son, Jesus as the fulfilment of all His plans.

(Invite the Reader to read from the Scriptures.)

Reader:

'And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him.' (Matthew 17:2-3)

Prayer Leader:

Having confidence in God's plans for us helps us to trust in Him and feel confident that He always loves us.

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

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

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God our Father, my name is _____
and I am your beloved son/daughter.



Jesus, I listen to you when...

Come Holy Spirit,
give me confidence to...



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:

- God our Father, my name is _____ and I am your beloved son/daughter.
- Jesus, I listen to you when...
- Come Holy Spirit, give me confidence to...

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

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

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Walk Along With Jesus



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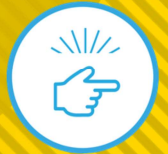
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Prayer Leader:

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

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

- Maybe you could tell someone that you know that God has good plans for you and trust that He will help you.

Let's finish by praying together.

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