

Monday 24th January

Lord

As we begin this new week let us remember that we have the power in our thoughts and words to make a difference.

May we never forget the things you have done for us, and may we never forget the kind of world you want your followers to build. In all things give us peace, joy, love and courage.

St Joseph – Pray for us



Tuesday 25th January

Lord

Life may sometimes seem challenging. Let us meet those challenges with the gift of resilience.

Help us to look at our lives with gratitude for the things you have given us and with honesty to change the things that aren't quite so good. By doing this, may we come closer to you and closer to one another.

St Joseph – Pray for us

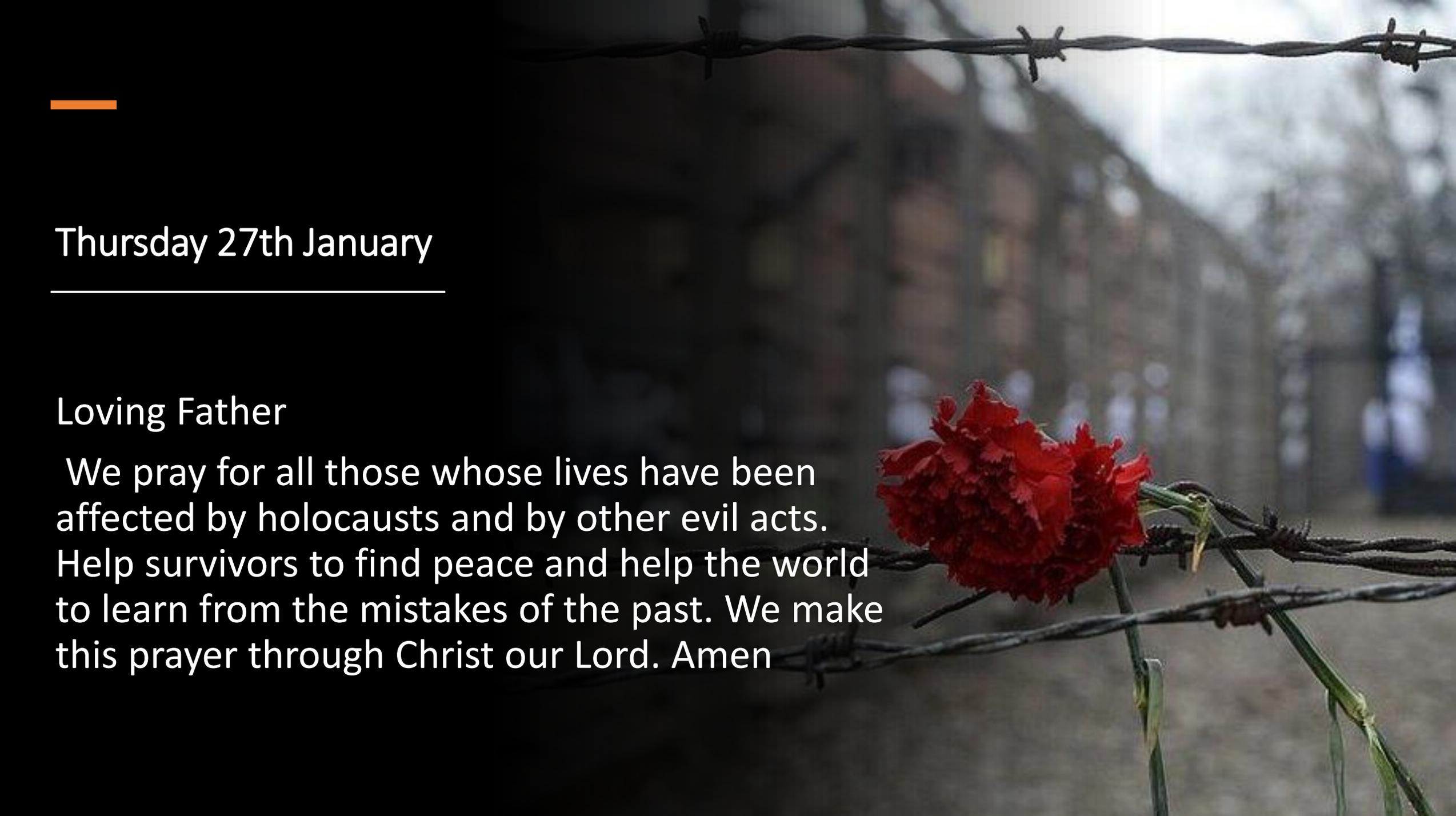


Wednesday 26th January

As I go to work,
Be with me Lord.
Be the patience when I'm frustrated.
Be the endurance when I am tired.
Be the wisdom when I am uncertain.
Be the inspiration when I'm out of ideas.
Be the peacemaker when I feel hurt.
Be the comforter when I feel overwhelmed.
Be the energy when I am weary.
Be the guide when I am confused.
Be the forgiver when I get it wrong.
Be with me Lord, today.

St Joseph – Pray for us





Thursday 27th January

Loving Father

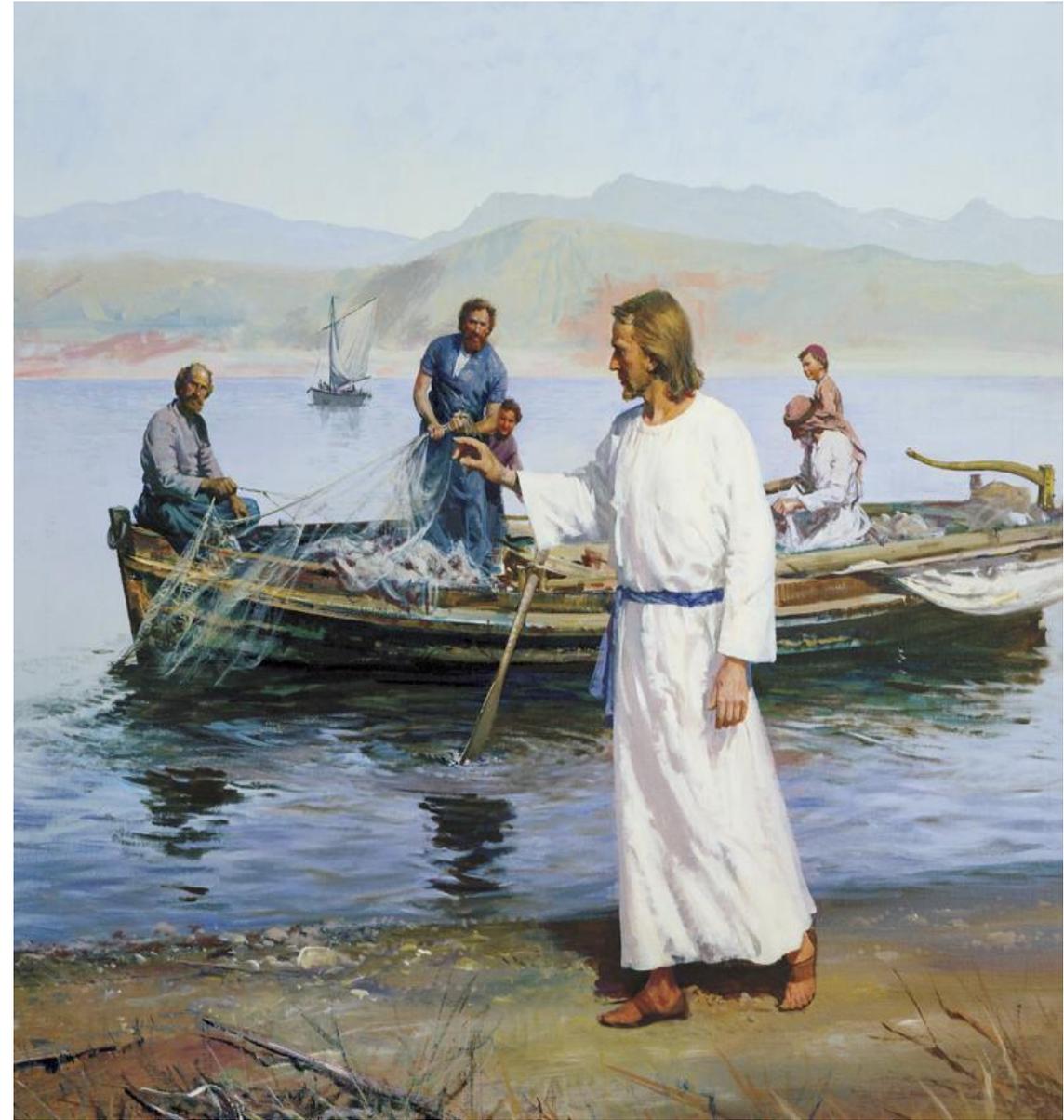
We pray for all those whose lives have been affected by holocausts and by other evil acts. Help survivors to find peace and help the world to learn from the mistakes of the past. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Friday reflection



As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them.

Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.



THE **KINGDOM** OF GOD



Jesus was a king, and he talked about his kingdom quite a lot. But this was one of the many ways in which he took the world's expectations and turn them upside down. His kingdom was never meant to be one of riches and power and splendour, but rather one of love and peace and joy. He was a king who came to serve, and instead of a throne, he ended up put to death on a cross. The Kingdom of God isn't a place or a system or authority. Instead, it is the presence of things like love, justice, peace and goodness. It is the sort of world Jesus came to earth to build and the sort of world we are called to build each and every day as his followers.

Final thought

