

# WITNESS

Prayers for the week - Witness

# Monday 21st March

Lord

Your Son came to earth to witness  
bring your grace and your love,  
and you ask us to bear witness to  
this by the truths we tell and by  
the way we live our lives. Give us  
the courage always to do this,  
especially when it's more difficult  
and challenging.

St Joseph – Pray for us



# Tuesday 22nd March

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Lord

May we not be people who are blind,  
but people who see the amazing things  
you have prepared for us!

Let us use the gifts you give us to  
change the world which we inhabit.

Let us not take the easy route and say, "  
we can't make a difference" , but to  
make sure that our time on this earth  
makes a difference.

St Joseph – Pray for us



# Wednesday 23rd March

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Father of love, hear my prayer.  
Help me to know Your Will  
and to do it with courage and faith.  
Accept my offering of myself,  
all my thoughts, words, deeds, and sufferings.  
May my life be spent giving You glory.  
Give me the strength to follow Your call,  
so that Your Truth may live in my heart  
and bring peace to me and to those I meet,  
for I believe in Your Love.

St Joseph – pray for us



**FAITH  
IS  
HAVING  
THE  
COURAGE  
TO  
LET  
GOD  
HAVE  
CONTROL**

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# Thursday 24th March

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Let us offer the prayer Christ gave us, and as we do remember the people of the Ukraine;

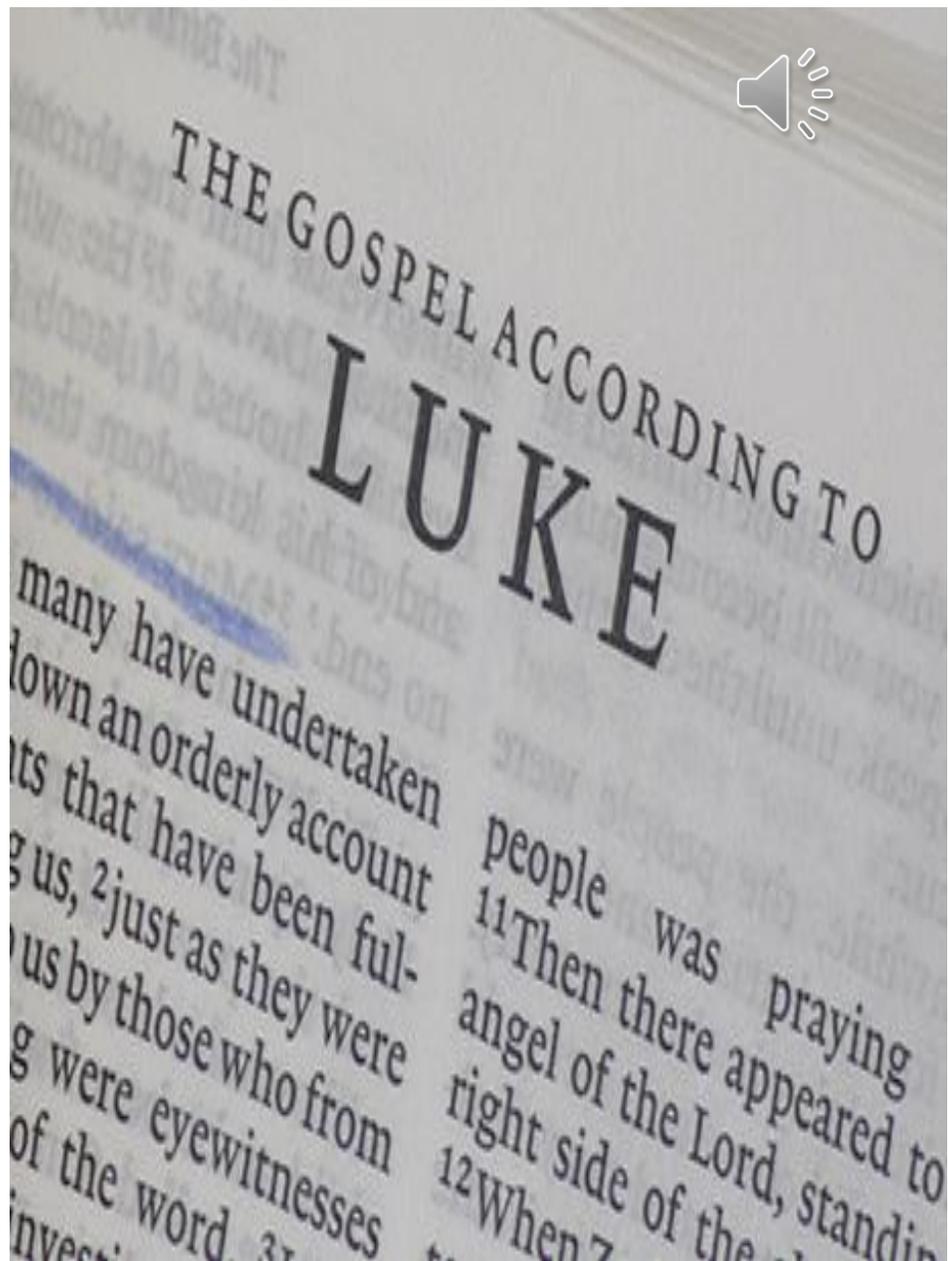
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Amen





Friday  
reflection



Jesus told this parable;

*“A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”*



The Gospel for the third Sunday of Lent was the parable of the Fig tree. The vineyard owner was going to dig it up, get rid of it because it produced no fruit, but the Vinedresser asked for more time, to give him the chance to give it some attention, some compost and see if it gave fruit then.

As with all parables we need to think who the characters might represent, God the Father - the Vineyard owner who wanted the best for his trees, the unresponsive fig tree - the people who so far were unwilling to change, to respond to his message and love, and Jesus the vinedresser coming to give them and us another chance.

Let us take this time in this sacred season to truly respond to the love of God as we understand him. We can make a difference in our community, and in those moments when we doubt this, let us witness the love God has for us to give us strength.



Final  
thought....