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*This is my son ... listen to him.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 9:28-43	Jesus is transfigured
Monday	Ezekiel 1:1—2:2	Ezekiel sees the Lord's glory
Tuesday	Luke 10:21-24	Hidden things revealed
Wednesday	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Giving, praying and fasting
Thursday	Zechariah 7:4-10	Justice, mercy and compassion
Friday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-18	A call to repentance
Saturday	Psalms 51:1-17	Have mercy on me, O God
Sunday	Luke 4:1-13	The temptation of Jesus

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

From the cloud a voice spoke, "This is my chosen Son. Listen to what he says!" **Luke 9:35 (CEV)**

#### **SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:**

##### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Holy Spirit, please work in us, so that we become more and more like Jesus. Amen.  
(2 Corinthians 3:18)

##### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, shine on our home. Feed us in body and soul, so that we become your light in the world.  
Amen.

##### **A Blessing to Give:**

May your ears be opened to listen to Jesus. May God's Spirit make you more and more like Christ.  
Amen. (Luke 9:35; 2 Corinthians 3:18)



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### CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home or small group:

- Name someone or something you enjoy listening to.
- Why is it important to listen to others? What is the difference between hearing and listening?
- God tells us to listen to Jesus (read Luke 9:34-35). What might Jesus be saying to you?

### DEVOTIONS



This coming Wednesday (February 10th) is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Ashes on the head remind us of our mortality and symbolize our sorrow for sin. If you are unable to attend a worship service, observe Ash Wednesday in your home. Prepare in advance a small bowl of ashes to use.

*Read:* Genesis 3:19, Matthew 6:1-21

*Pray:* **O God, as Lent begins prepare our hearts and minds that we may grow in serving others, showing thanks for how your Son has loved and served us. Amen.**

*Mark:* As a sign of sorrow for our sin and our trust in Jesus to save us, make the sign of the cross with ashes on one another's foreheads, saying these words: "**Dust you are, and to dust you shall return. Repent and listen to Jesus your Savior.**"

*Conclude:* Read Psalm 103:13-18

### SERVICE



Listening to others is an act of loving service. Make a point of listening carefully as you have conversations. Be mindful that you may be hearing the voice of God as you listen.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



The day before Ash Wednesday is called Shrove Tuesday. The name *shrove* comes from the practice of being *shriven*—going to church to confess your sins and receive absolution—before the start of Lent. Shrove Tuesday is also sometimes called Pancake Tuesday or Fat Tuesday, because households used up their remaining eggs and fats before Lent by making pancakes on this day. Observe Shrove Tuesday with either a pancake breakfast or dinner. As you eat, talk about what Jesus did for our sake as part of your spiritual preparation for Lent.



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