

24th April - Daily Prayer & Reflections

We pray for everyone during this time and take time out of our day to be mindful and reflect on scripture to get guidance. Throughout these unprecedented times is where we can come together as a community in the Church more than ever. Take time of quiet and stillness today.

Prayer for the Day:

Lord,

We ask you to pour your presence into our lives today. We pray the hand of God to be revealed and that we may bring joy and hope to others. With gratitude we pray for all you have given us and those accompanying us in our life.

Amen

On the @BC_Chaplaincy Twitter Page, we upload daily reflections and prayer ideas which we invite you to look at with readings of the day also posted. We post small reflections so we can keep God's word active throughout the day and accessible.

We also have our sway page where we post chaplaincy resources for prayer and reflection.

Gospel:

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

Reflection:

After witnessing the healing that Jesus gave when he cured the sick, crowds came to surround him as they had seen this with their very own eyes. He performed a miracle of feeding the 5000 with 5 loaves and 2 fish. This was an incredible act of service that he did for those however we also pray for an unapologetic faith that is not just based off of tangible experiencing of witnessing but of the pure beauty and blessing of faith in Him and when I stop saying to Jesus how in the world can I do this and stop to pray, it

happens. Maybe not how I imagined and yet it happens. When I open my eyes there is more than enough. So look for miracles where we see only problems and obstacles and be open to the ways we can say yes when Jesus says-you give them something to eat.

Prayer:

Almighty God,

We pray for an open heart and mind to follow you and listen to your call and intervention in our lives. Breathe your word in us and allow us to be vessels of your will. We thank you for showing us humble acts of service and will continue your ministry to show your love to all

Amen

Diocesan Information

Masses are live streamed up and down the diocese and are daily. If you want to watch mass, follow this link select a church and the mass times are listed so you can plan Mass Live stream in to your day:

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/cameras/county/west-midlands>

Praise and Worship Playlist: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8umfBRIwW8>