

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Week of the Transfiguration

January 21, 2024, through January 28, 2024

Patristic Quote for the Week —THEODORE OF MOPSUESTIA (350-428 AD): The baptism of John was at one and the same time perfect and imperfect. It was perfect according to the precept of the law, but it was imperfect in that it did not supply remission of sins but merely made people fit for receiving the perfect one. For this reason, even Christ, since he was perfect with regard to the law, was baptized with this baptism, that is, the baptism of John. And he makes this clear, saying, “For thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”
FRAGMENT 13.¹

Life Thoughts--Jesus radiates the glory of God among human beings humbled by sinful brokenness. This glory resides not in a certain age or a particular appearance or a specific ability but in God’s love for us creatures as His children. Let us behold this glory embodied in the least of these and remind neighbors of their eternal worth. *Holy Son of God, lead us to listen and mimic You in respecting, protecting, advocating, and assisting. Amen.*

Stewardship Thoughts-- **Matthew 17:7** – “But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Rise, and have no fear.’” *When Jesus is with us, there is no need to fear. He loves us and cares for us and will never abandon us. That assurance is the basis of all generosity, for only those who are set free from worry can learn the joy of giving.*

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Psalm 96:2-3

“Sing to the LORD; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all peoples!”

Read or Chant Psalm 2

Catechism: Apostles’ Creed—Second Article

What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchase and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

¹ Simonetti, Manlio, ed. 2001. [Matthew 1–13](#). Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

Day	Bible Stories for Daily Devotions	Second Reading
Sun., Jan 14	Gospel Lesson, The Transfiguration of Our Lord—Matthew 17:1-9	Exodus 34:29-35
Mon., Jan. 15	Jesus Entered the Temple of God—Matthew 21:10-46	Genesis 47:1-31
Tues., Jan 16	Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!—Matthew 23:13-33	Genesis 48:1-22
Wed, Jan 17	Jesus teaches in Capernaum—Mark 1:21-45	Exodus 1:1-22
Thurs, Jan 18	Son of Man has authority to forgive sins.—Mark 2:1-28	Exodus 2:1-25
Fri., Jan 19	Unclean Spirits cry out, “You are the Son of God.”—Mark 3:1-35	Exodus 3:1-22
Sat., Jan 20	“What have you to do with me, Jesus”—Mark 5:1-20	Exodus 4:1-31
Sun., Jan 21	Gospel Lesson, Septuagesima Sunday—Matthew 20:1-16	Exodus 17:1-7

Pray the Collect for the Transfiguration of Our Lord:

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Personal Prayers and Petitions

Lord’s Prayer

Hymn of the Week

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

LSB 413

- | | |
|---|--|
| <p>1 O wondrous type! O vision fair
Of glory that the Church may share,
Which Christ upon the mountain shows,
Where brighter than the sun He glows!</p> <p>2 With Moses and Elijah nigh
The incarnate Lord holds converse high;
And from the cloud the Holy One
Bears record to the only Son.</p> <p>3 With shining face and bright array
Christ deigns to manifest today</p> | <p>4 And faithful hearts are raised on high
By this great vision’s mystery,
For which in joyful strains we raise
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.</p> <p>D 5 O Father, with the eternal Son
And Holy Spirit ever one,
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace
To see Thy glory face to face.</p> |
|---|--|

Text: Sarum Breviary, 1495, Salisbury; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.
Text: Public domain

Looking forward to Septuagesima Sunday

January 28, 2024

Hymns: 566, 555, 924

Exodus 17:1-7

1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5

Matthew 20:1-16