

Sun: *Rest and Reflect with God.* **Mon-Sat:** *Read, Think, and Pray through Scripture.*

Lenten Habit: *Consider incorporating a habit that grows discipline before Easter as a way of focusing on God and preparing to celebrate our new life in Jesus.*

Sun. **Rest & Reflect.**

“Lord Jesus, Messiah King,
 You made the cross your throne.
 Willingly, You put aside your right to be respected,
 your desire to be kept safe,
 your hold on power or control;
 all so we could be called children of God.
 Let me take up my cross behind you,
 in love, serving those you put around me—
 no matter the cost.”
-Take a silent moment in God’s company-

Mon **Read:** Mark 8:31–33 + Isaiah 55:6-9

Think: Why does Jesus’s way to the cross seem unthinkable to Peter?

Pray: for a deeper trust in the goodness of suffering for others.

Tue **Read:** Mark 8:35-38 + Matthew 9:9-12

Think: On the cross, Jesus suffers for others' good. How is mercy a cross?

Pray: for the Spirit’s help to treat others with the mercy God treats you.

Wed **Read:** Mark 8:31–33 + 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Think: Why would Jesus’s way of the cross seem foolish?

Pray: for a deeper trust in the wisdom of suffering for others.

Thu **Read:** Mark 8:35-38 + Proverbs 24:10-12

Think: How is helping people being abused or “led to death” a cross?

Pray: for an opportunity to stand up for or stand with someone hurting.

Fri **Read:** Mark 8:31–33 + Isaiah 53:3–5

Think: How is the cross the place of Jesus’s victory over sin?

Pray: for God to exert His power over the sinfulness in our world.

Sat **Read:** Mark 8:35-38 + Ephesians 5:1-2

Think: What is something you can do this week that similarly loves someone sacrificially?

Pray: to share in the sufferings of Jesus for others.