



17th March 2019
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
God holds us close

SHARE

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

Jesus longed to gather the people of Jerusalem to himself like a mother hen gathers her chicks. What does this tell us about him?

2

Have you ever felt Jesus "gather" you close to him? When and how?



Devotions

READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 13:31-35	Jesus' sorrow over Jerusalem
M	Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18	The Lord's covenant promise
T	Philippians 3:17 - 4:1	Pressing toward the goal
W	Jeremiah 31:1-14	The Lord will rebuild Israel
T	Romans 11:25-32	All Israel will be saved
F	Revelation 21:1-14,22-27	The new Jerusalem
S	Psalm 27	The Lord will protect me
S	Luke 13:1-9	Parable of the fig tree

TALK **Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?**

Rituals and Traditions

PRAY

Lord, please help us to look beyond earthly things today. Help us to focus on the bigger and greater things you have in mind. Amen.

BLESS

May God gather you into his loving arms.

Lent

Lent is a time when we re-orientate our lives towards God. We follow Jesus in his journey towards the cross. PURPLE is the colour for Lent and represents the royalty of Jesus and the call to turn back to God.

Creative Response

Find a place where you feel close to God (e.g. in the garden, in your room, by the beach.) Spend some time with him there.

Set up a table in your house to reflect on each of these four symbols.

Crucifix: Do you have a crucifix in your home? If not, Lent might be a wonderful time to buy one and place it in a central place. Even a child's drawing of Jesus' death for us can be a powerful, stirring reminder of God's love.

Bowl of Water: A simple bowl of water, in a central place, can be an ongoing reminder of baptism in our lives. Use the bowl to mark one another with the sign of the cross during Lent.

Bowl of Sand: A bowl of sand can remind us of Jesus' forty days of temptation in the desert, and our own call to resist temptation in following Christ.

Bible: Lent is a time to renew our focus on God's Word. The prominent placement of a Bible in our home can represent for us our desire for God's Word in our lives. Use the Bible to read one or more verses for your household each day.

mealtime prayer

All things below, all things above, are gifts of your amazing love. Thank you God. Amen.

verse for the week

In times of trouble, you will protect me. You will hide me in your tent and keep me safe on top of a mighty rock.

PSALM 27:5

Service

Choose some of the Bible verses from this week that show us how much God loves us and protects us. Make some bookmarks or write these verses on a card and display them in your home. Make some extra cards or bookmarks and give them away to other people letting them know how much God wants to be close to them, love them and protect them also.