

# Mission Together

## Lent Liturgy: Week Two



This liturgy focuses on the Gospel reading for the second Sunday of Lent, when God tells us to listen to his Son, Jesus

N.B. For this liturgy we recommend you print a copy of the Mission Together Lent calendar

### LITURGY PLAN

#### Setting the scene

Please refer to our guide: *How to Pray with Children* [missiontogether.org.uk/prayer-resources/](https://missiontogether.org.uk/prayer-resources/)

#### Opening hymn or recorded music

Our suggestions: Taize - *O Lord hear my prayer* or *O the love of the Lord*.

#### Sign of the cross and opening prayer

Print the opening prayer on page 2 and ask a pupil to read.

#### Introduction

Print the introduction on page 2 and ask a pupil to read.

#### Bible reading *adapted for children from NJB*

Print the reading on page 2 and ask a pupil to read.

#### Bible reflection

See page 3. We suggest this is delivered by a teacher / chaplain.

#### Prayers of intercession

Print the prayers of intercession on page 4 and ask pupils to read.

#### Mission Together prayer

See to the right.

#### Sign of the cross

#### Closing hymn or recorded music

Our suggestion: Taize - *O Lord Hear My Prayer* or *Sing it in the Valleys*

#### Follow up activities

Download *Listen to Him* activity sheet at [missiontogether.org.uk](https://missiontogether.org.uk)

#### Mission Together Prayer

May all children  
In the world  
Share love  
Share friendship and live  
In the peace  
Of God's love  
Now and forever. **Amen.**

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## Opening Prayer

**Reader:** Let us pray. God our Father,  
through our prayers, fasting and acts of kindness this Lent  
help us to grow closer to you.  
Open our ears to help us listen to your Son and to follow his teaching always.  
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Introduction

**Reader:** During Lent we prepare for Easter.  
In Lent we remember how Jesus suffered and died for us.  
When Jesus rose from the tomb on Easter Sunday, he showed us that death  
is not the end.  
God, our Father, wants us all to live with him in a new life of peace and  
joy in heaven.  
During Lent, we prepare for Easter in three ways: we pray, fast, and do  
acts of kindness.  
By doing these things we grow in love of God and other people.

## Bible reading: From the Gospel of Mark 9:2-10

**Reader:** The Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him up a high mountain.  
There, Jesus was changed – his face shone like the sun and his clothes turned  
brilliantly white. The prophets Moses and Elijah appeared, and they were talking  
to Jesus. Then a cloud came and covered them. Peter, James and John heard a  
voice saying, “This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.”  
Then suddenly, they looked around and saw only Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord **R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



## Bible Reflection

*We suggest this is delivered by a teacher / chaplain.*

**Q.** Jesus took his closest disciples, Peter, James, and John, up a mountain. When they were there, Jesus' face and clothes were changed. Can you remember how?

His face shone like the sun and his clothes became brilliantly white. By making him glorious, God wanted Peter, James, and John to know how very special Jesus is.

**Q.** When they reached the top of the mountain, who did Jesus meet?

He met two of the prophets, Moses, and Elijah. A prophet is a messenger of God. Moses and Elijah were very important prophets for the Jewish people so the disciples would have recognised them. God had trusted Moses to give the people the Ten Commandments, and God had performed miracles through Elijah. God was revealing that Jesus is greater than Moses and Elijah. He is God's Son.

**Q.** What did God tell the disciples to do?

God told the disciples to listen to Jesus.

We are disciples of Jesus, so God is asking us to listen to Jesus, too.

**Q.** Think about the kinds of things Jesus tells us to do. What might they be?

He wants us to pray to him, follow him, love him, be kind and forgiving and show other people how great God's love is for all of us.

How might you do those things this Lent?

Mission Together is Pope Francis' charity that asks children to help children living in poverty overseas through prayer and sharing. What better way to prepare for Easter than to show the world God's love by praying and sharing for Mission Together this Lent?

*As a class, discuss what you are doing this Lent. Use the Mission Together Lent calendar to help. At the end of this liturgy there are also some fundraising ideas.*

Let's continue our Lenten promises now with our prayers of intercession.



## Prayers of Intercession

**Reader:** The response to our prayer is: **Lord, hear us.**

**Reader:** Heavenly Father, we give thanks that you are a God who listens to us. May we open our ears to hear the voice of Jesus this Lent. Help us always to follow his teaching. We pray to the Lord. **R/ Lord, hear us.**

**Reader:** Heavenly Father, we ask for forgiveness for the times we have not listened and have closed our hearts to you. Help us this Lent to have hearts full of love, like yours. We pray to the Lord. **R/ Lord, hear us.**

**Reader:** Heavenly Father, may we always be gentle and ready to hear the cry of those people who suffer – both near and far away from us. Teach us to be good listeners. We pray to the Lord. **R/ Lord, hear us.**

**Reader:** Heavenly Father, guide all the children, families and staff in our school. Help us always to listen to one another with kindness and respect. We pray to the Lord. **R/ Lord, hear us.**

**Reader:** Heavenly Father, we pray for children overseas whom Mission Together helps: those who are scared, sad or lonely, who are homeless, sick, hungry or who are refugees. May they find in us people who listen to them and who are ready to help. We pray to the Lord. **R/ Lord, hear us.**

**Reader:** We end our prayers by saying together the ***Mission Together Prayer.***

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in the world  
share love  
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# Fundraising ideas



Mission Together is the children's branch of Missio – the Catholic Church's official children's charity for overseas mission. Thanks to children in England and Wales, we can provide life-changing aid around the world in whatever form it's needed. That could be a new school, feeding programme, or a generator for a children's home. Mission Together helps all children, regardless of background or beliefs. That's how we show the all-embracing nature of the Catholic Church and the true meaning of 'mission'.

Fundraising is a brilliant way to involve everyone in raising money for Mission Together. Below are a few Lenten ideas but you can find other ways to get involved throughout the year by visiting our webpage <https://missiontogether.org.uk/fundraising-ideas/>

Please **share your** fundraising events with us @missioUK adding the hashtag #missiontogether

## Ideas for Spring term

*For ideas that require a prize, maybe your Governing body could donate a small something?*

**Pancake races:** hold a Pancake Day event with race, with a small entry fee. Everyone gets to enjoy their pancakes after the fun – as long as they didn't drop them!

**Pancake flip fundraiser:** If lockdown measures prevent the traditional pancake race, try a Fundraising Pancake Flip. With an Easter Egg prize, pupils are invited to evidence their flipping skills online. Either request a participation fee or perhaps a donation per flip?

**Spring flower sale:** everyone loves the first signs of spring after winter! Why not pot some spring bulbs – snowdrops, mini daffodils, crocuses and hyacinths to sell to parents as Easter gifts?

**Sponsored give something up:** encourage pupils to give something up for Lent and either donate the money they save or get sponsored to do it. Alternatively, children can offer to take on extra chores or responsibilities in Lent for a donation to Mission Together.

**Springtime Scavenger hunt:** this is a great outdoor activity! Print off some sheets with springtime things to spot e.g. Snowdrops or crocus, tree buds, birdsong and birds nesting, cherry blossom. You can tailor the items to whatever suits your space and environment. Charge pupils to enter. Either get pupils to tick the items off or take pictures to prove they've found them! Every complete scavenger sheet is placed in a hat, with the pulled out winner receiving a prize.

**Lent through a Lens:** Run a photo competition for KS2. Challenge pupils to capture images of springtime. Charge for entry and provide a prize for the winner(s). Perhaps introduce different categories e.g. wildlife, nature, people. You could even have a category for grown up competitors!

**Easter bonnet competition:** charge pupils to enter a competition for the best Easter bonnet. Prizes for the most fabulous fashionista creations! Alternatively you could get everyone involved in egg painting or Easter cake designs, and sell them after for extra fundraising!

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