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Lent is a time to simplify our lives as a way to enjoy God's steadfast love and faithfulness. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are traditional Lenten practices.

FEBRUARY 25, 2018  
SECOND SUNDAY  
IN LENT



*Jesus teaches the way of the cross.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 8:31-38	Jesus predicts his death
Monday	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Sign of the covenant
Tuesday	Romans 4:13-25	God's promise realized thru faith
Wednesday	Mark 9:30-37	The Son of Man betrayed
Thursday	Matthew 16:1-26	Taking up the cross
Friday	Mark 10:32-45	Jesus again predicts his death
Saturday	Psalms 22:23-31	Suffering and praise
Sunday	John 2:13-22	Jesus cleanses the temple

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[Jesus] called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any wants to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." **Mark 8:34 (NRSV)**

Suggested Rituals and Traditions from Taking Faith Home to consider as faith practices to become part of your daily routine:

- Pray daily and include the Lord's Prayer and a Prayer for the Week
- Read the Bible regularly; sit in silence for prayer and meditation
- Eat meals with others and include a mealtime prayer; fast by eating smaller portions or simpler foods
- Nurture relationships by spending time together; listen to others as you engage in conversations
- Give a donation of time and/or money to a service organization
- Commit to daily acts of kindness.

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This stone complements the Shrove Tuesday Milestone Moment or can be gifted during Lent. The purple cross and kneeling person at its base is an excellent reminder of the season of Lent and its meaning for Christians. Lent calls us to examine our own lives with the prayer, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any

wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." (Psalms 139:23-24).

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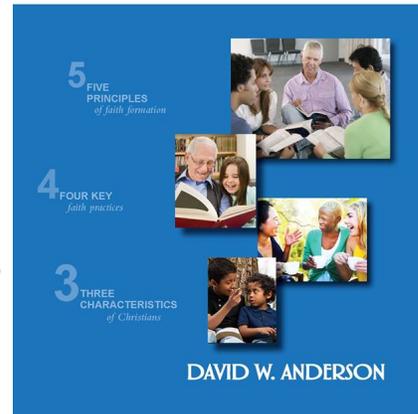
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