

SACRED STORY



February 24, 2013

Encouragement & Wisdom

E & W reflections are additional helps for your Sacred Story prayer journey. Reflect on them at the beginning of the week or outside of your fifteen-minute prayer windows.

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We will step outside our lessons on *Presence* for these next few weeks. It is important that we focus our attention on the *Sacred Story* of the Church and pray for her during these times of transition. Please consider offering a prayer each day this week for Pope Benedict XVI who will relinquish the throne of St. Peter on Friday, February 28th at 8 PM Roman time (11 AM Pacific). Let us pray for his needs and ask the Holy Spirit to bless him as he has blessed the Church with his leadership these last eight years. In a special way, let us pray for his physical health and that he be strengthened by the power of God's grace. We remember his words to us on January 2nd for the World Day of the Sick:

“In the Gospel the Blessed Virgin Mary stands out as one who follows her suffering Son to the supreme sacrifice on Golgotha. She does not lose hope in God's victory over evil, pain and death, and she knows how to accept in one embrace of faith and love, the Son of God who was born in the stable of Bethlehem and died on the Cross. Her steadfast trust in the power of God was illuminated by Christ's resurrection, which offers hope to the suffering and renews the certainty of the Lord's closeness and consolation....”

And for yourself, pray that the Holy Spirit illuminate all your thoughts, words and deeds.
Awaken to Creation, Presence, Memory, Mercy and Eternity.



*The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?
The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?
I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord.*
(Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 13-14)

