

Since National Youth Sunday falls on the feast of Christ the King, a talk, retreat or homily can take many different directions in order to enrich the faith of those present. The quotes below from Pope Francis at World Youth Day are intended to inspire you on the different aspects of the resources produced.

## Liturgy Of The Word

### First Reading

2 Samuel 5:1-3

They anointed David the king of Israel

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 121 R. v.2

I rejoiced when I heard them say; 'Let us go to God's house.'

### Second Reading

Colossians 1:12 - 20

He has created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves.

### Gospel

Luke 23:35 - 43

Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.



## 20th November

## Trust

'Trust the memory of God: his memory is not a "hard disk" that "saves" and "archives" all our data, his memory is a heart filled with tender compassion, one that finds joy in "erasing" in us every trace of evil.'

## Surrender

'Dear young friends, don't be ashamed to bring everything to the Lord in confession, especially your weaknesses, your struggles and your sins. He will surprise you with his forgiveness.'

'Don't be afraid to say "yes" to him with all your heart, to respond generously and to follow him!'

'Don't let your soul grow numb, but aim for the goal of a beautiful love which also demands sacrifice.'

## Believe

'God loves us the way we are, and no sin, fault or mistake of ours makes him change his mind.'

'As far as Jesus is concerned – as the Gospel shows – no one is unworthy of, or far from his thoughts. No one is insignificant. He loves all of us with a special love: for him all of us are important: you are important.'

'God expects something from you, God wants something from you. God hopes in you.'

'God comes to break open everything that keeps you closed in. He is encouraging you to dream. He wants to make you see that, with you, the world can be different.'

## Receive

'My friends, Jesus is the Lord of risk, he is the Lord of the eternal "more" Jesus is not the Lord of comfort, security and ease.'

'Following Jesus demands a good dose of courage, a readiness to trade in the sofa for a pair of walking shoes and to set out on new and uncharted paths.'

'In the setting in which you find yourselves, God's love invites you to bring the Good News, making of your own lives a gift to him and to others. This means being courageous, this means being free!'

'The joy that you have freely received from God, please, freely give away (cf Mt 10:8): so many people are waiting for it! So many are waiting for it from you.'

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