

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.



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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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It is recommended that each prayer is proclaimed slowly and followed by a noticeable silent pause, after which the reader says the invocation that is customary for the local congregation, e.g. Lord in your mercy R. Hear our prayer.

Priest: Brothers and sisters, as we now make our prayer for our community, especially our young people, let us all pray to Christ the Lord, not only for ourselves and our own needs but for the entire world.

Reader: For the whole church of God and for her leaders, that the Lord may help them to reach out to the young.

[Pause]

Priest: Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For young people themselves, especially those in our parish, may they trust in God's mercy and surrender to his love.

[Pause]

Priest: Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for the people of this parish, may we believe in the power of forgiveness and receive it graciously.

[Pause]

Priest: Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

**Prayer For
The Church**

**Prayers For
The Young**

**Prayers For
The Parish**

* Insert additional prayer intentions here

Priest: Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Priest: Incline your merciful ear, we ask, O Lord, and listen in kindness to the prayers of those who call. Through Christ our Lord,

All: Amen.