

20 JANUARY

(See also 12 May)

- 1 When a General Election in Britain produces a new Prime Minister, he or she takes over the government on that very day.
- 2 In the United States, a new President does not take up office until the 20th January, known as “Inauguration Day”.
- 3 This day in 1961 was the Inauguration Day of the 43-year old President, John F Kennedy. In his inaugural speech, he reflected on personal responsibility when he said:
- 4 *“Ask not what your country can do for you.
Ask what you can do
for your country.”*
- 5 Whilst each of us has rights, we also have responsibilities towards others.
- 6 *Let us pray:*

**God our Father,
with the gifts you have given to us
we have responsibilities and duties.
Inspire us to take the initiative
in treating others
as we would like them to treat us.
Amen.**

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