

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>7 March Lev 19:1-4, 9-18 Ps 19:7-16 1 Cor 4:8-21 <u>Lent season.</u> As we travel each day in Lent, may we spend some time in regular, specific prayer and meditation.</p>	<p>8 Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:1-8 Matt 6:7-15 <u>Good news.</u> May our thoughts and prayers be focused on good news and hope, and not only on the evils of our world.</p>	<p>9 Jonah 3:1-10 Ps 51:1-2, 10-12 Lk 11:29-32 <u>Hope and trust.</u> What did Jesus do when John the Baptist (his cousin) was in prison? He went into Galilee to proclaim the good news of God. Do likewise.</p>	<p>10 Est 14:1-5, 12-14 Ps 138 Matt 7:7-12 <u>Opportunity springboard.</u> Jesus turned the bad news to opportunity. In the setback He made a springboard for good.</p>	<p>11 Exe 18:21-28 Ps 130 Matt 5:20-26 <u>Intercession.</u> Do we dwell on the pending war that we know we can do nothing about, except through intercession?</p>	<p>12 Deut 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-8 Matt 5:43-48 <u>All powerful God.</u> He, through His people of prayer, will override. All will pass away, while we are helpless, except in prayer.</p>	<p>13 Lent 2 Ps 27 Phil 3:17-4:1 Lk 13:31-35 <u>PCC and vestry.</u> We pray today for those to comprise the new Parish Council. We pray for guidance for them.</p>
<p>14 Dan 9:3-10 Ps 79 Lk 6:36-38 <u>Rev'd Claire.</u> Pray for the ministry of Rev Claire in all its wide-embracing aspects, and that we learn and support her.</p>	<p>15 Is 1:10-20 Ps 50:7-15 Matt 23:1-12 <u>Parish property expenses.</u> Pray for funds for major property expenditure, especially drainage.</p>	<p>16 Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:1-5, 14-18 Matt 20:17-28 <u>Waste plastic.</u> Commit to reduce food wastage and to be good stewards when shopping and making choices about use of plastic.</p>	<p>17 Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1 Lk 16:19-31 <u>Clean water.</u> Give thanks for clean rivers and streams. Pray for a decrease in flooding and landslide tragedies worldwide.</p>	<p>18 Gen 37:3-4, 12-28 Ps 17:1-8 Matt 21:33-46 <u>Care and share.</u> For homeless and starving people. Pray for care and relief for those suffering.</p>	<p>19 Micah 7:14-20 Ps 103:1-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 <u>See the beauty of creation.</u> Give thanks to God and pray for preservation and restoration of the environment.</p>	<p>20 Lent 3 Ps 63:1-8 1 Cor 10:1-13 Lk 13:1-9 <u>Pass on love.</u> Give thanks for our blessings and privileges, for family and love from God to all. Pass on this love to others.</p>
<p>21 2 Kings 5:1-5b Ps 42:1-2, 11-14 Lk 4:24-30 <u>Human Rights Day.</u> Pray for human rights for all, and in every nation. Let justice prevail through action.</p>	<p>22 1 Sam 24:8-19 Ps 25:3-9 Matt 18:21-35 <u>Health.</u> Thank God for life and health. Pray for health for all, but also for specific persons known to be suffering.</p>	<p>23 Deut 4:1,5-10 Ps 147:12-20 Matt 5:17-20 <u>Learners.</u> Pray for better education in South Africa. We ask for students, for better conditions to enable learning.</p>	<p>24 Jer 7:21-28 Ps 95 Lk 11:14-23 <u>Support for education.</u> Loving God, we ask You to bless the African Scholars Fund with their new plans to ask donors for support for their sustainability and projects.</p>	<p>25 THE ANNUNCIATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Hos 14:1-9 Ps 81 Mk 12:28-34 <u>Music.</u> Thank God for the beauty of music. May it inspire us to worship Him continually. May it fill our hearts with thanksgiving.</p>	<p>26 Hos 5:13-6:6 Ps 51:1-2, 16-19 Lk 18:9-14 <u>Service.</u> Call us, dear God, to ways of serving You.. Place this as our top priority this day and in the future.</p>	<p>27 Lent 4 Ps 32 2 Cor 5:16-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11b-32 <u>Trust.</u> May we place our trust in You, whatever the circumstances. It is through Your almighty power that change will come.</p>
<p>28 Is 65:17-21 Ps 30 Jn 4:43-54 <u>Patience.</u> All things will pass, given patience to endure, knowing this is in Your time, but with our continued intercession.</p>	<p>29 Is 65:17-21 Ps 30 Jn 4:43-54 <u>Jesus' intercession.</u> Thank you, Jesus, that you, with the Holy Spirit, intercede for us to the Father.</p>	<p>30 Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-14 Jn 5:19-30 <u>Prayer for the lonely.</u> Think of lonely persons (who may be feeling discarded). Visit them on invitation and pray for them.</p>	<p>31 Ex 32:7-14 Ps 103:1-12 Jn 5:31-47 <u>Encouragement.</u> Spend time with those slipping into lack of belief in God, perhaps through tragedy.</p>	<p>1 April Lam 3:19-26 Ps 34:15-22 1 Cor 12:27-13:3 <u>Lack of faith.</u> Pray for family and friends who do not have faith in God. May they be overwhelmed and deeply touched by the love of Jesus, the Christ.</p>	<p>2 Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:1-2, 9-12 Jn 7:40-52 <u>Employers.</u> Pray for fair treatment of workers and generosity when they are in trouble.</p>	<p>3 Lent 5 Ps 126 Phil 3:4b-14 Jn 12:1-8 <u>Unemployed.</u> Pray for the many who do not have work, and for those in a position to help.</p>

The River of Life

God's river of life runs swift and strong,
Through all the years we are carried along.
Quiet pools for contemplation,
Storms and currents cause consternation,
But His hands beneath us are always there
When we most need His gracious care.

When the journey is easy we sometimes forget
It is he who protects us from every threat.
When treacherous rocks and thunderous falls
Cause us to tremble, He answers our calls.

We grow to trust in His peace and grace
As we come nearer His dwelling place,
And at last He will show where we are meant to be
In the peace of his everlasting sea.

Anonymous

The desire for God each day.

*This is the most wonderful discovery in every life.
To seek God, to love Him, and to praise Him
each day is the ultimate goal of every Christian.*

The way that God works in our hearts is a huge blessing to know. To recognize this takes a long time and requires of us to set aside some time each day.

We need to make a regular time, however short or long. During this time of silence, and of prayer, we wait upon God.

It is a time when we join Jesus interceding for us to the Father, and when we intercede for others to God, and He speaks to our hearts.

Prayer to God should be soft, slow and preferably individually audible, (enabling us to process our thoughts). There can be pauses, not hurried at all, and the person should be comfortable. It can be for ourselves, for family members, but most of all it should be for others and for aspects of our fallen world, and asking for God's all powerful healing. It should be for forgiveness and for asking. It is sincere, patient and persistent, but expectant.

DRAWING US EVER CLOSER TO THE ALLMIGHTY

Start this as a Lenten offering and see if it then can continue thereafter.

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