



LENT 2021: PRAYERS & ACTIVITIES FOR HOME OBSERVANCE

HOW TO USE THIS BOOKLET

For each week of Lent, this booklet contains a weekly prayer, Scripture citations for daily Bible study, and a weekly creative activity that can be done individually or as a household.

Please join our virtual worship services from St. John's too!

**Sundays 8 AM Holy Eucharist video on our Facebook page
10 AM Shared Morning Prayer by Zoom***

**Tuesdays & Thursdays 7 PM Compline (Night Prayer) with
Scripture sharing by Zoom***

(* see the e-Eagle or call the office for connection details)

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 7PM TAIZE Prayer on our Facebook page

FIRST DAYS OF LENT: ASH WEDNESDAY 2/17 TO 2/21

Prayer from the Ash Wednesday service-

Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Scriptures

Wed 2/17/21 Romans 10:13-16

Thu 2/18/21 John 20:1-18

Fri 2/19/21 Matthew 4:18-20

Weekend 2/20 & 2/21 John 1:45-47

Weekly Activity

Eating fish for dinner on Friday? Read the Matthew 4: 18-20 reading about Jesus calling fishermen to be his first disciples. During dinner, wonder and share about the following questions: I wonder why they left everything to follow Jesus? I wonder what their families thought? I wonder if there's anything we need to leave behind to follow Jesus?

FIRST WEEK OF LENT 2/22 TO 2/28

Prayer for Lent I-

Creator God, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Scriptures

Mon 2/22 Matthew 13:34-35

Tues 2/23 Luke 14:16-24

Wed 2/24 Luke 15:3-7

Thu 2/25 Luke 15:8-10

Fri 2/26 Luke 15:11-32

Weekend 2/27 & 2/28 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

Weekly Activity

As we make the pilgrimage of Lent, create a visual image to remind you that we walk together in Christ. Trace your foot on a piece of paper and write "Thank you, God for ..." and list the names of people who help you to follow Christ. Post it up to remind you to prayer for these people during Lent.

SECOND WEEK OF LENT 3/1 TO 3/7

Prayer for Lent II-

Creator God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's faithful self-emptying, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Scriptures

Mon 3/1 Mark 5:1-20

Tues 3/2 Acts 4:1-22

Wed 3/3 John 4: 1-30

Thu 3/4 Acts 17: 16-34

Fri 3/5 1 Peter 3:13-16

Weekend 3/6 & 3/7 1 Thessalonians 2:4-8

Weekly Activity

Read the story of John Newton, who wrote the hymn "Amazing Grace" and read or sing the hymn. Share or write the story of how following Jesus makes a difference for you and your household.

THIRD WEEK OF LENT 3/8 TO 3/14

Prayer for Lent III-

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Scriptures

Mon 3/8 Matthew 11:16-19

Tues 3/9 Mark 5:21-34

Wed 3/10 Mark 5: 35-43

Thu 3/11 Matthew 9:35-38

Fri 3/12 John 4:31-42

Weekend 3/13 & 3/14 Mark 10:46- 52

Weekly Activity

Cut out some cards or paper into the size of a bankcard or business card. On one side write "God is with me" and on the other side write "everywhere and all the time." Decorate the cards as you prefer. Give one to everyone in your household, or mail them in little notes to friends and family at a distance.

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT 3/15 TO 3/21

Prayer for Lent IV-

Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Scriptures

Mon 3/15 Matthew 1:1-17
Tues 3/16 Acts 2:1-2 and 4-6
Wed 3/17 Acts 8:26-39
Thu 3/18 Acts 10:24-43
Fri 3/19 Acts 19:8-10
Weekend 3/20 & 3/21 Matthew 28:16-20

Weekly Activity

Use bubbles as you pray! Go outside and blow some bubbles and then chase them. As you reach each one, pray "God's love is for..." and name someone know. Finish by calling out "God's love is for everyone. Amen."

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT 3/22 TO 3/28

Prayer for Lent V-

Most merciful God, who by the life, death, and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him we may rejoice in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

Daily Scriptures

Mon 3/22 Acts 17:16-28
Tues 3/23 Luke 7:36-50
Wed 3/24 Romans 8: 18-25
Thu 3/25 John 12:31-33
Fri 3/26 1 Corinthians 15:21-24
Weekend 3/27 & 3/28 Acts 17:32-34

Weekly Activity

Count the mirrors in your home. Make a banner for each one that says "Made in God's image" so that every time you look in the mirror, you will be reminded that you are made in God's image and are beloved by God, just as your are.