



Daily Prayers are posted at 8am daily on our Adventure of Faith Facebook & Instagram pages or use this calendar to pray through each day's prayer.

Feb 17 - Feb 28

2/17 Ash Wednesday

Genesis 3:19: "By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Father, the thought of our lives being finite is disheartening sometimes, and yet death is a reality we all must face. As we consider our death, we consider our lives and how we desire to live on this planet while we are here. We begin to realize that every moment we spend our lives on something, do we spend it on that which is eternally valuable? Are we living as salt and light, bringing the love of Christ to bear on the world around us? As we consider our end, are we reminded that our death on this earth is merely a passage into realized eternity with you? With this in mind, need we fear? Maybe the only thing to keep in mind is that while we are here, however long that may be, may we live as you desire us to live, sharing your love, your grace, your mercy, and your truth to all we encounter through our words and our actions. Amen.

(A prayerful Lenten reflection on Genesis 3:19)

2/18

Isaiah 58:6: "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?"

Lord, when we think of fasting during the season of Lent, it can feel like a burden, but you describe it as a freedom, a casting off of that which oppresses and shackles us. As we seek to put down that which the world places on us and pick up the rest that you give, help us to learn to celebrate in this season for you have set us free! Amen!

(A prayerful Lenten reflection on Isaiah 58:6)

2/19

Psalms 42:2: "My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?"

Lord Jesus, we thirst for more of you this season. We desire to reorient our lives around you and your presence. May we take an extra breath as we pray and seek to hear from you. May we allow an extra beat of our heart, listening for you and your will before responding or reacting to situations we face this month. May we redeem our time in our cars as we move from one place to the next. May we not mindlessly scroll on our phones but meditate on your Word in our downtime. Focus our minds on you this season. Amen."

(A prayerful Lenten reflection on Psalm 42:2)

2/20

Joel 2: 12-14: "Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing—grain offerings and drink offerings for the Lord your God."

Lord, I notice throughout the Old Testament you are described by this phrase- "gracious, compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love." Over and over again you remind us of who you are and encourage us to run into your arms. Why are we so reluctant to do so? Remind us, today, who you are and that whatever we carry, we can bring it to you. In your Son's name, Amen.

(A prayerful Lenten reflection on Joel 2:12-14)

2/21

Matthew 6:21: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Lord, where is my treasure? Where have I placed my hope? May it be only and ever with you and you alone! You are our treasure! You are the thing we value over all things! Focus our eyes on you! Thank you, Father! Amen!

(A prayerful Lenten reflection on Matthew 6:21)

2/22

Lamentations 3:25: "The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;"

Lord, you are so good. In you alone, we find our hope. Even in this time of reflection, introspection, and sacrifice, may we be drawn to focus on you and find in you hope like we can't imagine. Amen.

(A prayerful Lenten reflection on Lamentations 3:25)

2/23

Isaiah 30:18" "Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!"

Lord, isn't it funny that we don't really think that you long to be gracious, to show compassion, to us? We think that you shake your head at us, disappointed when we fail, but that is not your character at all, is it? You love us and desire us to come to you, even when we fail, maybe especially when we fail. Help us be confident in who you are, who you say we are, and help us run to you. In your Son's name, Amen.

(A prayerful Lenten reflection on Isaiah 30:18)

2/24

Psalms 27:14: "Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."

Lord, as we pause, fast, and pray, we wait on you. You are our strength. We lean on you and live lives dependent on you. Amen.

(A prayerful Lenten reflection on Psalm 27:14)

2/25

Matthew 6:16-18: "When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

Lord, as we've sought to reorient our lives on you, it has not been difficult. We have likely failed a time or two. It is possible that we so doubted our ability to put down harmful habits and pick up more positive ones that we chose not even to try at all. Remind us, Father, that you are not interested in perfection. We are merely people in progress, and the only progress we make is due to your Spirit working within us. Encourage us, Lord, as we seek to follow you more closely. Amen

(A prayerful Lenten reflection on Matthew 6:16-18)

2/26

Isaiah 40:31: "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Lord, some of us are soaring. Some of us are weary. We look to you for hope and for the renewal of our strength. Draw us close to you and lift us up. Remind us of your deep love for us and for our identity as your beloved children. In you, we can do all things. Amen.

(A prayerful Lenten reflection on Isaiah 40:31)

2/27

Psalms 33:20-22: "We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you."

Lord, we rejoice in you! You are our hope! We are incredibly blessed to be adopted as your children! Remind us of this truth, of this reality, and encourage us to look to you in all things! Amen!

(A prayerful Lenten reflection on Psalms 33:20-22)

2/28

Psalms 130:5-6: "I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning."

Lord, oftentimes, I do not find peace in the waiting. I desire to possess now. As your people, we are called to trust you, trust your Word, know that you are making all things new and that the pain, suffering, and difficulty we face today is only temporary. Remind us, Lord, that you are our hope and help us to keep ever vigilant as we seek to look for you working in this world. In your Son's name, Amen.

(A prayerful Lenten reflection on Psalms 130:5-6)