

MPC Lenten Prayer Guide

Seeking God on matters of deep concern for ourselves, our church, and our world.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 51

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
- 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict
and justified when you judge.
- 5 Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
- 6 Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.
- 7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
- 8 Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.

- 10 Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
- 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
so that sinners will turn back to you.
- 14 Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God,
you who are God my Savior,
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.
- 15 Open my lips, Lord,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- 16 You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
- 17 My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart
you, God, will not despise.
- 18 May it please you to prosper Zion,
to build up the walls of Jerusalem.
- 19 Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous,
in burnt offerings offered whole;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Confession & Self- Examination:

- ✦ Imagine yourself in a safe place, surrounded by the love of God. Ask God to help you see yourself as he sees you.
- ✦ Using Psalm 51, surrender your sins, weaknesses and faults to the forgiving Christ.
- ✦ What new practices is Christ leading you to embrace that will lead to transformation?

Prayer for our Church:

- ✦ Pray for each person that comes to mind when you think about Malibu Pres: bring them before Jesus, ask him what his heart is for them, and leave them with him.
- ✦ Pray for Holy Week and its concluding celebration on Easter Sunday!
- ✦ Pray for the love of God and neighbor to take place in each ministry.

Prayer for the World:

- ✦ Think through current events. Bring these events before God and ask him for insight.
- ✦ Pray for forgiveness and love.
- ✦ Pray for peace and reconciliation.
- ✦ Pray for the gospel to go forth.
- ✦ Pray for the many churches that will draw seekers on Easter.
- ✦ Pray for the government, other nations and world leaders.