

40 Days of Prayer

FEBRUARY 5–MARCH 16

We invite you to join us in prayer throughout the next forty days.

- 2/5 Pray for Glenwood as a family.
- 2/6 Pray for wisdom and discernment.
- 2/7 Pray that we are graciously helping a fallen world stand up again.
- 2/8 Pray for ever-increasing Shalom (peace and wholeness).
- 2/9 Pray for protection from Satan.
- 2/10 Pray that we will be guided by the Holy Spirit.
- 2/11 Rejoice in God's steadfast love and faithfulness.
- 2/12 Pray that our commitment to Scripture will be strengthened.
- 2/13 Pray that we will be willing to learn and grow.
- 2/14 Pray that we will respect and value others.
- 2/15 Pray for God's will to be done in His time.
- 2/16 Pray for Christ to be glorified.
- 2/17 Pray for unity and one spirit.
- 2/18 Thank God for His abundant blessings.
- 2/19 Pray for the courage to follow God.
- 2/20 Pray for humility and patience.
- 2/21 Pray that God will bring His kingdom here through us.
- 2/22 Pray that we will cultivate the peace of Christ.
- 2/23 Pray for strength and endurance.
- 2/24 Pray for clarity and clear thinking.
- 2/25 Thank God for the saving blood of Jesus Christ.
- 2/26 Pray for compassion and love.
- 2/27 Pray that we will be willing to sacrifice.
- 2/28 Pray that we will trust in the goodness of God.
- 3/1 Pray for perseverance in times of uncertainty and confusion.
- 3/2 Pray that we are eager to listen to each other.
- 3/3 Pray that we are transformed by the renewing of our minds.
- 3/4 Rejoice in the victory of Christ over sin and death.
- 3/5 Pray that God will use us to accomplish his mission in this world.
- 3/6 Pray that we are made more into the image of God.
- 3/7 Pray that we will welcome and appreciate diversity.
- 3/8 Pray that we will be devoted to each other.
- 3/9 Pray that we will have open hearts and minds.
- 3/10 Pray that we will be faithful.
- 3/11 Thank God for His amazing grace.
- 3/12 Pray that we will offer grace to each other.
- 3/13 Pray that we will seek first the kingdom of God.
- 3/14 Pray that God will deliver us from evil.
- 3/15 Pray that we will encourage one another.
- 3/16 Rejoice in the conclusion of a lengthy process!

[In this Epiphany season,]
we are still the people walking.
We are still people in the dark,
and the darkness looms large around us,
beset as we are by fear,
 anxiety,
 brutality,
 violence,
 loss —
 a dozen alienations that we cannot manage.
We are — we could be — people of your light.
So we pray for the light of your glorious presence
 as we wait for your appearing;
we pray for the light of your wondrous grace
 as we exhaust our coping capacity;
we pray for your gift of newness that
 will override our weariness;
we pray that we may see and know and hear and trust
 in your good rule.
That we may have energy, courage, and freedom to enact
 your rule through the demands of this day.
We submit our day to you and to your rule, with deep joy and high hope.

(Walter Brueggeman, *Prayers for a Privileged People*)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

(Peace Prayer of Saint Francis)