

Friday March 6, 2026, 3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Lent

Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions. Psalm 119:18

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105

O Lord, heavenly Father, in whom is the fulness of light and wisdom, enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit, and give us grace to receive Your Word with grace and humility, without which no one can understand Your truth. For Christ's sake.

John Calvin, 1509-1564

Grant, O Lord, in Thy written Word and through the spoken word, we may behold the Living Word, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Simon H. Baynes

Blessed Lord, who has caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by Thy patience and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of eternal life which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Thomas Cranmer (1489 – 1566)

One of the disciplines of the life of followers of Jesus is reading our Bibles. We live in a time when we have unprecedented access to God's word. My "BibleGateway" site has 150 versions of the Bible in English and 50 more in other languages. We can read the Bible in paper versions and on-line versions on computer or phone. There are countless devotional offerings by internet or in print. Cheyne offers "Our Daily Bread" and "Today" booklets which help us understand the reading for the day. As followers of Jesus, we are invited each day to come into God's presence through the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. This is one crucial way we get to know God, His will for our lives and how to manage our day-to-day routines for His glory and honour. (And, by the way, what about the children and youth in our lives? There are a good number of Bible reading programs that we could send to them or direct them to.) I pray we won't let distractions or disruptions interfere with our spiritual nourishment that God so graciously offers.

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