



PRAYING LENT
A Daily Devotional
2019



SATURDAY, MARCH 9

PRAY FOR OBEDIENCE TO YOUR WILL

Lord, grant me to greet the coming day
in peace.

Help me in all things to rely
on your holy will.

in every hour of the day
reveal your will to me.

Teach me to treat all that comes to me
throughout the day with peace of soul,
and with firm conviction that your will
governs everything.

In all my deeds and words
guide my thoughts and feelings.

In unforeseen events
let me not forget
that all are sent by you.

Teach me to act firmly and wisely, without
embittering and embarrassing others.

Give me the strength
to bear the fatigue of the coming day
with all that it shall bring.

Direct my will. Teach me to pray. Pray yourself in me.

~A Prayer of Philaret Metropolitan of Moscow (1821-1867)

MONDAY, MARCH 18

PRAY FOR EMOTIONAL HEALING

Jesus, I ask you to enter my heart and touch those life experiences which need to be healed. You know me so much better than I know myself. Therefore, bring your love to every corner of my heart. Wherever you discover the wounded child, touch him, console him and release him.

~ Barbara Leahy Shlemon

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

PRAY FOR BEING LIFTED

It is often said that the Church is a crutch. Of course it's a crutch. What makes you think you don't limp?

~William Sloane Coffin

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

I pray O Lord Most High to always remember that YOU are with us. Inside of us. Never ALONE. YOU ARE INSIDE OF US Lord GOD, JESUS CHRIST AND THE HOLY SPIRIT!

I pray that I am Never ALONE. For God reminds me to “BE STILL AND KNOW I AM GOD”.

Psalm 46:10

I pray to You GOD, our Cosmic, Miraculous, Unconditional GOD who LOVES US.

That there may be praying for each other, invoking Your NAME and giving us the right words for prayers for Healing—ANYTIME, ANYPLACE , and ANYWHERE.

 **THURSDAY, MARCH 28**

PRAY FOR ANSWERING THE CALL

submitted by The Rev. Lisa M. Erdeljon

Glorious God,
Whenever You look around
And ask, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”
May I be the one who answers you.
May I remember to say, “Here am I; send me!”
May I continue to serve You;
May Your Will continue to be done.
Amen.

~inspired by Isaiah 6:1-8

 **FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

PRAY FOR JOY

Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
~Psalm 51:13

 **SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

PRAY FOR OTHERS

Each time you meet someone new, it’s an opportunity to pray for one more person. The power of prayer is limitless. It connects us closer to one another, and closer to our Heavenly Father. We are moved through prayer, so move others by your pure and endless love for God. Let your prayers spread outward-giving all glory to Christ. Amen.



**Fourth Sunday
in**

Lent



MARCH 31

PRAY FOR UNITY

Pray that our national, state and local leaders may work together to unite the various peoples of our land so that we may live together in harmony and peace. With your Holy Spirit guide our officials to discern those policies and laws that benefit all rather than a select few. May our citizens and inhabitants come to recognize the gifts that each bring to our common life and may forbearance reign. We ask these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. NIV

1 Corinthians: 12, 13 The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts... For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body - whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free - and we were given the one Spirit to drink. NIV



+†+ APRIL 7

PRAY FOR THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Gracious God, we praise you and thank you, Lord, for the gift of the Holy Spirit. The very spirit that empowered Jesus in his life and ministry and raised him from the dead, is the same Spirit that breathes new life into us.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Raise us from spiritual death to spiritual life, from darkness into light, from fear and despair into hope and mercy. May the gifts of the Spirit be ever present in us, and may our lives reflect abundant love and joy, service and compassion for others, and a desire to do your will in our lives.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Guide us on our journeys. May we be resurrected to new life each and every day.

In Jesus's name we pray,
Amen.

+ + THURSDAY, APRIL 11

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE

If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.

~Emily Dickinson

+ + FRIDAY, APRIL 12

PRAY FOR WALKING IN PEACE

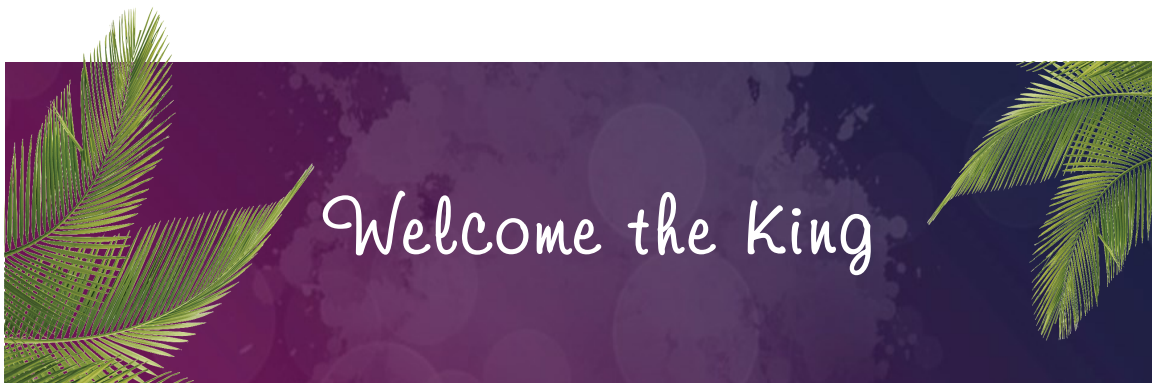
Oh, Great Spirit who dwells in the sky,
Lead us to the path of peace
And understanding.
Let all of us live together
As brothers and sisters.
Our lives are so short here,
Walking upon Mother Earth's surface.
Let our eyes be opened to all the blessing
You have given us.
Please hear our prayers, Oh, Great Spirit.

~Native American Prayer for Peace

+ + SATURDAY, APRIL 13

PRAY FOR LISTENING TO GOD'S CALL

Open our ears to hear God's word and to recognize His voice and call.
May I find space today to let your word, your life, your light flood my spirit.



+✝+ PALM SUNDAY APRIL 14

PRAY FOR JOY

submitted by The Peace & Justice Ministry

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.

~Prayer of St. Francis



HOLY SATURDAY

APRIL 20

PRAY FOR NIGHT

Night Prayer

Lord, it is night.

The night is for stillness.

let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.

what has been done has been done;

what has not been done has not been done;

let it be.

The night is dark.

let our fears of the darkness of the world and our own lives
rest in you.

The night is quiet.

let the quietness of your peace enfold us,
all dear to us, and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.

let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities.

In your name we pray.

Amen.



~New Zealand Prayer Book

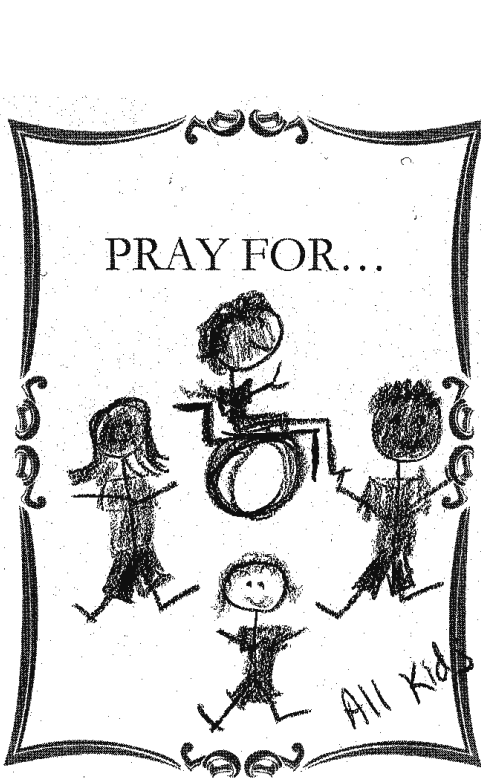
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FROM DEATH TO LIFE

✚ EASTER DAY APRIL 21

PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN

submitted by Kim Curtis, Sunday School Director

Lord, We ask your blessings for our children whom we love and cherish. Protect us from harm and teach each of us kindness. Show us compassion. Guide our steps and we will follow the path of goodness and light forever more. Amen.





We invite you to

HOLY WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Palm Sunday, April 14

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 17

6:30 p.m. Taizé Service

Maundy Thursday, April 18

6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Watch at the Altar of Repose, 7:30 p.m. through 12:00 p.m. Friday

Good Friday, April 19

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy followed by Stations of the Cross

12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. A Journey Through Holy Week

An afternoon for children ages 3 years to 5th grade. Lunch included.

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy at St. Mark's Church, Barrington Hills

The Great Vigil of Easter, April 20

8:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Followed by a festive reception in the Community Room

Easter Day, April 21

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Followed by festive receptions in the Community Room

Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15 a.m.

(for ages 1 year to 5th grade)



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