

<p>Wednesday</p> <p>John 18:38 “What is the truth?” Pilate asked.</p> <p>FOCUS: Truth. ❀❀❀❀❀</p> <p>Jesus, You are the truth. Help me live my life into the direction of Your truth.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">27 March</p>	<p>Maundy Thursday</p> <p>John 13:1 “Jesus knew that his hour had come ... Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.”</p> <p>FOCUS: No greater love.</p> <p>Lord, Your body broken and Your blood spilt for me.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">28 March</p>
<p>Good Friday</p> <p>John 19:30 “When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.”</p> <p>FOCUS: Sufficiency of Christ’s work on the Cross.</p> <p>Lord, I look to you on the cross. You are there because of love for even me. You completed this task for all your lost and wandering children. Once and for all.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">29 March</p>	<p>Saturday</p> <p>John 19:42 “Because it was the Jewish day of preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.”</p> <p>FOCUS: Remembering the dead.</p> <p>With gratitude mixed with sorrow, Lord, I remember the dead today. I long for the resurrection day.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">30 March</p>
<p>Easter Sunday</p> <p>John 20:15 “Woman,” he said, “why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”</p> <p>FOCUS: The risen Christ</p> <p>Christ the Lord is risen. Hallelujah.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">31 March</p>	<p><i>Write your personal reflections</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">❀❀❀❀❀❀❀❀</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 April</p>
<p><i>What have you learnt on this prayer journey?</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">2 April</p>	<p><i>How has this journey changed your life?</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">3 April</p>


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PRAYER JOURNEY



Daily reflections for
Lent and Easter



2024



<p>Day 1</p> <p>Genesis 3:19 “You are dust and to dust you return.” FOCUS: We are dust.</p> <p>Jesus, be my companion on this Lenten journey to the Cross.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">14 February</p>	<p>Day 2</p> <p>Matthew 6: 5-6 “... but whenever you pray ...” FOCUS: Your daily prayer space and time</p> <p>Jesus, help me to meet with you with an open heart and a readiness to listen.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">15 February</p>
<p>Day 3</p> <p>Joel 21: 13 “Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful.” FOCUS: Our true ‘home’. Jesus, you said, “In my Father’s house there are many rooms” (John 14:1-3). Please give me spiritual eyes to see.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">16 February</p>	<p>Day 4</p> <p>Deuteronomy 30:19-20 “Choose life, so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying Him, and holding fast to Him.” FOCUS: Crossroads Lord, help me to examine my choices.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">17 February</p>
<p>Day 5</p> <p>Matthew 6:17-18 “But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face.” FOCUS: Spiritual discipline. Lord you said, “When you fast” not if you fast. Please help me work out the “how” and “when” of fasting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">18 February</p>	<p>Day 6</p> <p>Mark 1:12-13 “And the Spirit immediately drove Him into the wilderness ...tempted by Satan.” FOCUS: ‘Dark’ places</p> <p>Lord, please send Your angels to me in my dark places.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">19 February</p>
<p>Day 7</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mark 1:14-15</p> <p>“Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God and saying, “the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe the good news.” FOCUS: Good News Father, I long deeply for Your Kingdom.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">20 February</p>	<p><i>Write your personal reflections</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p>

<p>Day 36</p> <p>John 15:2 “The Father removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.” FOCUS: Pruning. Father prune those areas of my life that resist your way of love.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">20 March</p>	<p>Day 37</p> <p>Luke 13:23-24 “Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?” He replied, “make every effort to enter through the narrow door.” FOCUS: The narrow way Lord, keep me on the narrow path focussed on You with all its challenges, protect me from the lure of the wide path, focussed on the world.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">21 March</p>
<p>Day 38</p> <p>Luke 14:15-24 “Jesus replied: A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests.” FOCUS: Excuses. Lord, may Your kingdom be a central value in my life ... no excuses.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">22 March</p>	<p>Day 39</p> <p>Matthew 25:14-20 “ ... to one he gave ten talents, to another two talents, and to another, one talent; each according to his ability.” FOCUS: Stewardship Father, thank you for entrusting me with Your kingdom on earth. Help me to be faithful in my stewardship.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">23 March</p>
<p>Day 40 - Palm Sunday</p> <p>John 12:12,13 “They took palm branches and went out to meet him shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” FOCUS: False worship.</p> <p>Lord, I come back to the heart of worship --- it is all about you.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">24 March</p>	<p>Monday</p> <p>Matthew 26:36 “Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to them, “Sit here while I go and pray.” FOCUS: Trust Jesus, help me to trust you in the midst of my own Gethsemane moments. May my prayer be”Yet not as I will, but as you will.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">25 March</p>
<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Matthew 26:40 “Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?” FOCUS: Faithful prayer</p> <p>Lord Jesus, I am ashamed of my lack of faithfulness in prayer.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">26 March</p>	<p><i>Write your personal reflections</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p>

<p>Day 29 Luke 9:48 “Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me, welcomes the one who sent me; He who is least - he is the greatest” FOCUS: True greatness Father, help me to welcome the little children today.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">13 March</p>	<p>Day 30 John 10:14 “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.” FOCUS: I am known.</p> <p>Good shepherd, thank you that you know me; help me to know you more deeply.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">14 March</p>
<p>Day 31 Matthew 20:28 “The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.” FOCUS: Being a servant.</p> <p>Lord, please bring someone across my path today whom I can serve.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">15 March</p>	<p>Day 32 Matthew 6:24 “You cannot serve both God and money.” FOCUS: Dethroning money.</p> <p>Lord, give me the courage to place you above money.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">16 March</p>
<p>Day 33 Luke 22:40 “Pray that you will not fall into temptation.” FOCUS: Temptation. Jesus, please grant me your grace as I struggle with temptations and bad influences.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">17 March</p>	<p>Day 34 Matthew 7:1 “Do not judge, so that you may not be judged.” FOCUS: Judgement</p> <p>Lord, lead me to become less judgemental, more gentle, and more understanding of others.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">18 March</p>
<p>Day 35 Matthew 25:35 “I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” FOCUS: Hospitality.</p> <p>Father, give me the courage to reach out to strangers around me, at church, work or the person down the road.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">19 March</p>	<p><i>Write your personal reflections</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">❁❁❁❁❁❁❁❁</p>

<p>Day 8 Psalm 46:10 “Be still and know that I am God.” FOCUS: I’m not God.</p> <p>Lord, please help me focus on you as the Living God.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">21 February</p>	<p>Day 9 John 8:12 “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life.” FOCUS: Divine light Lord, may your light shine on every area of my life, particularly the areas I like to keep ‘hidden’.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">22 February</p>
<p>Day 10 John 9:25 “Though I was blind, now I see.” FOCUS: When we feel lost.</p> <p>Lord, please help me to see Your way and wisdom.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">23 February</p>	<p>Day 11 Matthew 7:7 “Ask and it will be given to you.” FOCUS: The humility of asking</p> <p>Lord, please help me to ask for that which I really need.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">24 February</p>
<p>Day 12 Matthew 12:36 “I tell you, on the day of judgement you will have to give account for every careless word you utter.” FOCUS: Careless words.</p> <p>Lord, please help me to speak words that bring blessing and life.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">25 February</p>	<p>Day 13 Matthew 6:11 “Give us this day, our daily bread.” FOCUS: Spiritual food</p> <p>Lord, thank you for my daily food. I am painfully aware of those who don’t have enough to eat.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">26 February</p>
<p>Day 14 John 4:13 “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.” FOCUS: Soul thirst Jesus, I receive your Spirit as life-giving water with gratitude.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">27 February</p>	<p><i>Write your personal reflections</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">❁❁❁❁❁❁❁❁</p>

<p>Day 15 Matthew 5:3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” FOCUS: Humility. Father, I humble myself before you. 28 February</p>	<p>Day 16 Matthew 5:9 “Blessed are the peace-makers.” FOCUS: Unpeace Lord, help me to transition from a peace-lover to a peace-maker. 29 February</p>
<p>Day 17 Matthew 6:21 “For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be.” FOCUS: Our treasures. Lord please help me to examine where my heart and treasure overlap. 1 March</p>	<p>Day 18 James 1:19 “Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak.” FOCUS: Gift of listening. Lord, please remind me today, to be quick to listen. 2 March</p>
<p>Day 19  Luke 5:20 “Friend, your sins are forgiven.” FOCUS: Miracle of forgiveness. Father, I repent of my sins. 3 March</p>	<p>Day 20 Matthew 11:28 “Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” FOCUS: Overburdened. Lord Jesus, help me to receive your condemnation-free love. 4 March</p>
<p>Day 21 John 3:17 “Indeed, God did not send His son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that it might be saved through Him.” FOCUS: No condemnation in love. Lord, please help me to receive your condemnation-free love. 5 March</p>	<p><i>Write your personal reflections</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>

<p>Day 22 John 4:49-53 “The man believed the word that Jesus had spoken to him and started on his way.” FOCUS: Unbelief Lord, I believe; help my unbelief. 6 March</p>	<p>Day 23 John 5:1-6 “Do you want to be made well?” FOCUS: ‘blind’ and ‘lame’ Father, please cure my blindness to see Your presence around me and my paralyses in reaching out to you. 7 March</p>
<p>Day 24 Mark 9:2-3 “and he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white.” FOCUS: Spiritual mountain-top experience Lord, please help me to bring the light of my mountain-top experience with You into our pain-filled world. 8 March</p>	<p>Day 25  John 11:35 “Jesus wept.” FOCUS: Suffering Father, please meet me in my tears. 9 March</p>
<p>Day 26 Luke 6:5 “Then Jesus said to them, ‘The son of man is the Lord of the Sabbath.’” FOCUS: Sabbath living. Jesus, help me to live a Sabbath life that I might know true rest.. 10 March</p>	<p>Day 27 Luke 8: 22-25 “In fear and amazement they asked one another, “Who is this? He commands even the winds and water, and they obey him?” FOCUS: Divine power Jesus, please bring Your divine power to bear in the areas I am most needy. 11 March</p>
<p>Day 28 Luke 8: 31-32 “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” FOCUS: Freedom in Christ “My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed thee.” <i>Charles Wesley</i> 12 March</p>	<p><i>Write your personal reflections</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>