

Prayers for Lent

FINDING JESUS THROUGH GUIDED WEEKLY PRAYER

CONDENSED VERSION

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Use this guide at a time that works best for you each Wednesday - there is no specific time limit. For more in-depth guidance, see page 2.

READ and REFLECT

“It happens so regularly that it’s predictable. The moment I decide to do good, sin is there to trip me up. I truly delight in God’s commands, but it’s pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight... Is there no one who can do anything for me? Isn’t that the real question? The answer, thank God, is that Jesus Christ can and does.”

Romans 7:21-25 (MSG)

PRAYERS

1) Confession —

Confess the sin that you are aware of (things done and not done) and ask God to show you sin that you do not recognize.

2) Repentance—

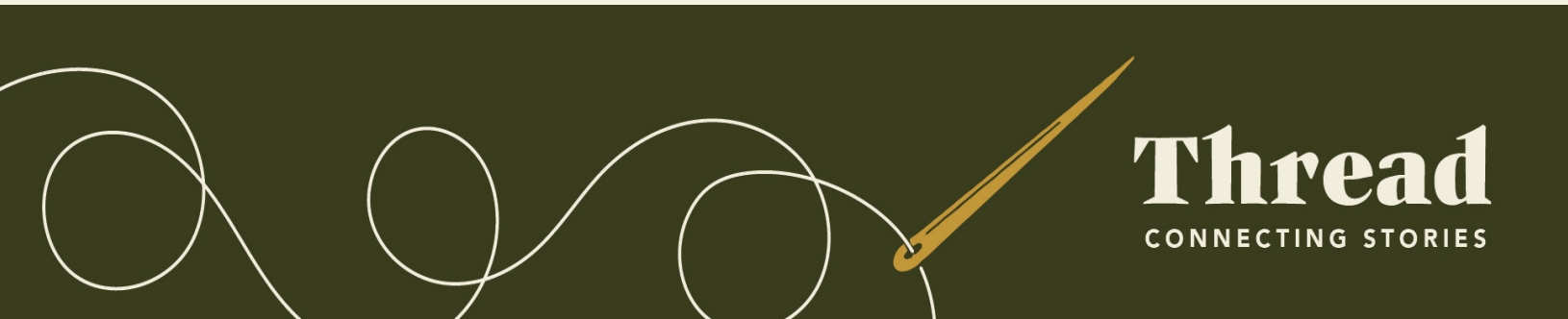
Ask God to help you know what habits you need to start and stop. Ask God to help you make the changes that will bring you closer to Him.

3) Thanksgiving—

Thank God specifically for His forgiveness and for all of the ways He is working to transform you. Be specific with naming ways that God is at work and praise Him for His goodness.

CLOSING

“God, no matter what is happening in the world or in my life, You are always good. Thank you for sending Jesus to show me Your Kingdom, to die for my sins, and to defeat sin and death with His resurrection. Help me to chase after Jesus as You chase after me. Forgive me for not always choosing You and give me grace to keep my heart set on You.”



READ and REFLECT

“It happens so regularly that it’s predictable. The moment I decide to do good, sin is there to trip me up. I truly delight in God’s commands, but it’s pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight. Parts of me covertly rebel, and just when I least expect it, they take charge. I’ve tried everything and nothing helps. I’m at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? Isn’t that the real question? The answer, thank God, is that Jesus Christ can and does. He acted to set things right in this life of contradictions where I want to serve God with all my heart and mind but am pulled by the influence of sin to do something totally different.”

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PRAYERS

1) Confession —

“God, I realize that I do things and make choices that don’t line up with what You want for me. I even do things and make choices that don’t line up with what I want for my life.”

- Confess to God the behaviors and choices that you know are disobedient and not in line with God’s desires for you.
- Confess to God the places in your life where you have not followed through on what God has asked you to do.
- Ask God to show you where you have sin in your life that you don’t recognize.

2) Repentance —

“God, I want to change direction. I want to look more like Jesus every day in the ways that I think, feel, and act. I cannot do it on my own. I choose to surrender to You and I ask that the Holy Spirit work in me to change the way I think, feel, and act.”

- Tell God where you want to create habits that will lead you closer to Him.
- Ask God to show you where you need to change habits to be closer to Him.
- Ask God to break down barriers that keep you from following Him.

1) Who do I need to forgive?

2) What do I need to stop?

3) What do I need to start?

3) Thanksgiving —

“God, thank you for forgiving me of my sin. Thank you for pursuing me with Your love. Thank you for transforming me with Your love.”

- Thank God for ways that He has forgiven you.
- Thank God for ways that He has given you things that you don’t deserve.
- Thank God for ways that He has and is changing you for the better.

CLOSING

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