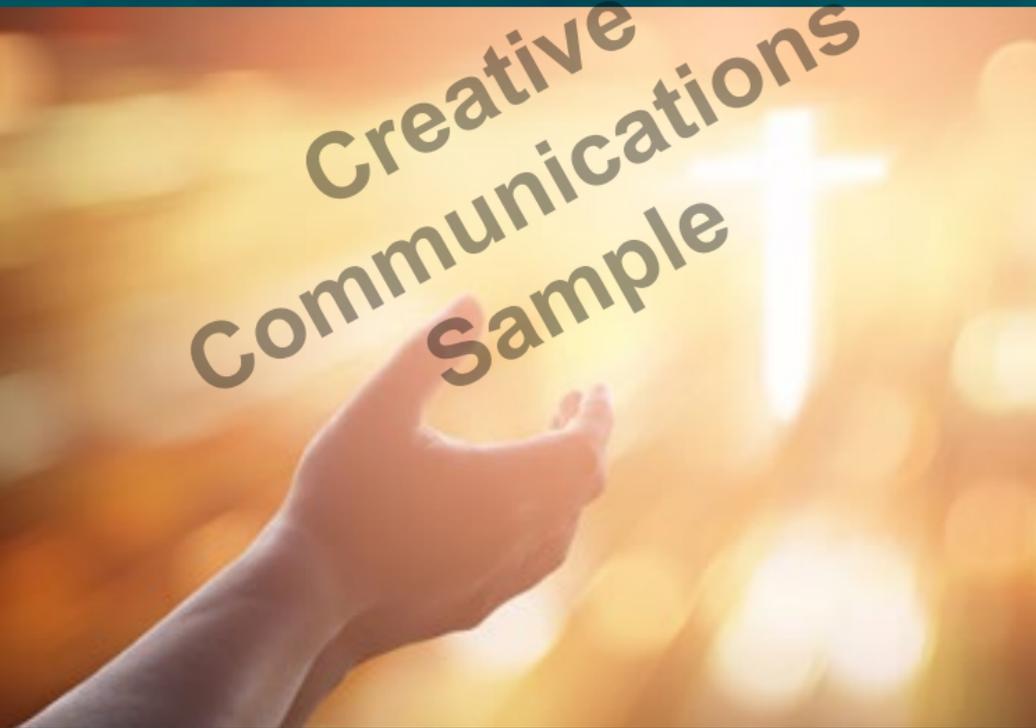


Draw me unto Thee

DAILY PRAYERS *for* LENT

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ASH WEDNESDAY

**Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love.**

JOEL 2:13

Heavenly Father, may this Lenten season be a time of true repentance and deep reflection leading to the celebration of my Savior's blessed death and resurrection. Like a sheep, O Lord, I have wandered from your presence. Renew my spirit and draw me unto to you. For Christ's sake, cleanse me of my sin and help me to resist the temptations of the flesh, the world and the evil one; in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

**For we do not have a high priest who is
unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,
but one who in every respect has been tempted
as we are, yet without sin.**

HEBREWS 4:15

Lord Jesus, my true and ever-living priest,
I confess before you and all the world
that I am weak and in constant need
of your present help and consolation. Thank
you for being strong when I am weak; steadfast
when I doubt; loving when I am selfish. Grant
unto me faith to look beyond the troubles of
this day, and to know that neither life nor death
can separate me from your love. Amen.

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who
fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far
does he remove our transgressions from us.

PSALM 103:11-12

Heavenly Father, uncertainty and insecurity often make me fearful of what is to come. Turn alarm to trust and panic to peace, for you are a God who desires not the death of a sinner, but that all people should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth concerning your beloved Son, who has removed my sin and washed me clean in your sight. Help me by your Spirit to always trust and walk in your merciful ways. Amen.

SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

**If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand? But with you there
is forgiveness, that you may be feared.**

PSALM 130:3-4

Gracious Lord, remember me according to your great mercy and the purpose for which you have created and redeemed me, a sinner in constant need. Let your Holy Spirit rule my heart that I would fear you alone as a child respects her dear father. Embolden me to confess your name before others, so that they, too, would know your grace, love and mercy, this day and forevermore; in the precious name of my Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groaning too deep for words.

ROMANS 8:26

Heavenly Father, you command and invite believers in Jesus to pray. I stand amazed that you desire intimate conversation with me, but I confess, O Lord, that my prayer life is not what it should be. I often lack the words to express my gratitude, and in my selfishness, I forget to pray for those who are in need. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for interceding on my behalf. Grant me grace to speak with the confidence of knowing you will hear my prayers for Christ's sake. Amen.

MONDAY, FIRST WEEK OF LENT

**If you abide in me,
and my words abide in you, ask whatever
you wish, and it will be done for you.**

JOHN 15:7

Merciful Father, I am not worthy to call upon you in prayer. But you have commanded your children to pray and promised to hear us. Obedient to your command, and relying on your gracious promise, I come to you in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ. I recognize that not everyone enjoys such intimacy with you; therefore, abide in my heart that I may always ask for those things which are pleasing in your sight, according to your holy will. Amen.

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by Brian Thomas

“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you,” wrote James, the brother of our Lord. During this Lenten season, allow these Scripture selections and prayers by Rev. Brian Thomas draw you near to God’s presence as you meditate on the themes of forgiveness, prayer, Holy Scripture, praise and the Sacraments, sharing in Jesus’ suffering, death and resurrection for you.

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