

A Time for PRAYER

An Offering Box
for Lent

Return to me, says the Lord of
hosts, and I will return to you.
Zechariah 1:3

RETURN

Lord Jesus, your prodigal love
for us is undeserved. As we seek
to follow you faithfully, remind us
that the Father provides every-
thing we truly need.

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God opposes the proud, but
gives grace to the humble. Sub-
mit yourselves therefore to God.

James 4:6-7

SUBMIT

Merciful Lord, I know that I must
turn myself over to you each
new day. Forgive me when I
stray. Lead me on your
righteous path eternally.

Lord, you knew our burden of
sin and shame, and so you car-
ried it to the cross for us. Help
us place all our cares in your
loving hands.

FOLLOW

Matthew 16:24

If anyone would come after me,
let him deny himself and take up
his cross and follow me.

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Luke 24:44-48

Lord Jesus, your cross is life-
giving for us. May we always
seek to do your will, even if that
means setting aside our own
desires.

REPENT

Matthew 4:17

From that time Jesus began to
preach, saying, "Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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The holy season of Lent is an opportunity to recall the great truth of the Christian faith: Jesus saved us through his death on the cross. This cube provides Scripture verses and short prayers for the weeks of Lent on this side and for the Easter season on the other side. It is ideal for mealtime prayer but could be adapted in various ways. When Lent is completed and Easter begins, turning the cube inside out reminds us that Christ's dying and rising has turned the world inside out. Death no longer has a hold on us; we have been set free for new life in him. May this Lent and Easter renew you in the love of God made visible in Jesus.

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SHARE!
They departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.
Matthew 28:8
Risen Lord, fill our hearts with eternal joy. Fill our lives with songs of praise. Fill our mouths with joyful news of your everlasting grace.

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WITNESS!
Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." ... They knew it was the Lord.
John 21:12
Lord, you graciously welcomed those who had deserted you back to the table. Be with us at our table today as we look forward to your heavenly feast.

WORSHIP!
Dear Lord, we live as Easter people, fully aware of your resurrection. Make our worship a worthy response to that miracle.

WELCOME!
Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."
John 20:19
Lord Jesus, fill us today with the gift of true peace that only comes through your presence. Make our outstretched hands into instruments of your peace.

WORSHIP!
He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned ... with great joy.
Luke 24:51-52

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Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.
Luke 24:46-48

The risen Lord has brought a new creation to the world: us. Through his dying and rising, we have been offered a share in his life, now and forever. Throughout the 50 days of the Easter season, the Scripture passages and prayers on this cube will remind us that faith in Christ is meant to change us in his image. With hearts open to his saving love, we will become the people he wants us to be.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. As Lent begins, carefully press out the cross-shaped cube pattern.
2. Assemble the cube with the purple side facing out, by folding at the scored edges and inserting the lettered tabs into the corresponding slits.
3. Place the cube in the center of your dining table.
4. Each day of Lent, as you gather at the table, read one of the Scripture passages and pray the accompanying prayer. Collect spare change from each person at the table and place it in the box.
5. On Easter, disassemble the cube and donate what you have collected. Reassemble the cube with the Easter cross facing out.
6. Throughout the fifty days of Easter, pray the Easter prayers together and continue to collect your Easter table offering.

