

## **Monthly Living Devotional**

“Pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective” (James 5:16). This daily devotional is an important ministry of our church. The scripture readings that are included for each day direct our attention to and shed light upon the texts we read together each Sunday morning. The individuals and families listed each day are part of our extended family, and knowing that we have so many folks praying for us each day can be a powerful and uplifting experience. We hope you find this guide useful to your daily prayer life.

### **Tue, 01 Mar 2016**

Read: Psalm 39; Ezekiel 17:1-10; Romans 2:12-16;

Pray for: Doug & Susan Roberts

### **Wed, 02 Mar 2016**

Read: Psalm 39; Numbers 13:17-27; Luke 13:18-21;

Pray for: Ethan Self

### **Thu, 03 Mar 2016**

Read: Psalm 32; Joshua 4:1-13; 2 Corinthians 4:16—5:5;

Pray for: Harriet Roberts

Eternal lover of our wayward race, we praise you for your ever-open door. You open your arms to accept us even before we turn to meet your welcome; you invite us to forgiveness even before our hearts are softened to repentance. Hold before us the image of our humanity made new, that we may live in Jesus Christ, the model and pioneer of your new creation. Amen.

### **Fri, 04 Mar 2016**

Read: Psalm 32; Joshua 4:14-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-15;

Pray for: Lewis Roberts

### **Sat, 05 Mar 2016**

Read: Psalm 32; Exodus 32:7-14; Luke 15:1-10;

Pray for: Mary Roberts

### **Sun, 06 Mar 2016** (4th Sunday in Lent)

Read: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

### **Mon, 07 Mar 2016**

Read: Psalm 53; Leviticus 23:26-41; Revelation 19:1-8;

Pray for: R.P. & Joyce Whittenburg

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**Tue, 08 Mar 2016**

Read: Psalm 53; Leviticus 25:1-19; Revelation 19:9-10;

Pray for: John Roberts & Family

**Wed, 09 Mar 2016**

Read: Psalm 53; 2 Kings 4:1-7; Luke 9:10-17;

Pray for: Lindsey & Brandon, Mason McCaslin

**Thu, 10 Mar 2016**

Read: Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:1-7; Philippians 2:19-24;

Pray for: Presbyterian Church (USA)

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness and your grace waters the desert. Help us to recognize your hand working miracles beyond our imagining. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new things you are doing, so that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love for all, and its presence in Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Fri, 11 Mar 2016**

Read: Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:8-15; Philippians 2:25—3:1;

Pray for: Mary Sanders

**Sat, 12 Mar 2016**

Read: Psalm 126; Exodus 12:21-27; John 11:45-57;

Pray for: June Schmidt

**Sun, 13 Mar 2016** (5th Sunday in Lent)

Read: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

**Mon, 14 Mar 2016**

Read: Psalm 20; Exodus 40:1-15; Hebrews 10:19-25;

Pray for: Danny, Carly, Jenna, Caleb, Ayden Shaw

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**Tue, 15 Mar 2016**

Read: Psalm 20; Judges 9:7-15; 1 John 2:18-28;

Pray for: Ashton Cruey

**Wed, 16 Mar 2016**

Read: Psalm 20; Habakkuk 3:2-15; Luke 18:31-34;

Pray for: Tim & LeeAnne, Brock, Blair Shelton

**Thu, 17 Mar 2016**

Read: Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 53:10-12; Hebrews 2:1-9;

Pray for: Barbara Jean Smith & Family

Compassionate God, your love finds full expression in the gift of Jesus Christ your Son, who willingly met betrayal and death to set us free from sin. Give us courage to live obediently in these days until we greet the glory of our risen Savior. Amen.

**Fri, 18 Mar 2016**

Read: Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 54:9-10; Hebrews 2:10-18;

Pray for: Bea Tilson

**Sat, 19 Mar 2016**

Read: Psalm 31:9-16; Leviticus 23:1-8; Luke 22:1-13;

Pray for: Randy & Vicky Trentham

**Sun, 20 Mar 2016** (Passion/Palm Sunday)

Read: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14—23:56

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**Mon, 21 Mar 2016** (Monday of Holy Week)

Read: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

Pray for: Mary Alexander

God of steadfast love, light of the blind and liberator of the oppressed, we see your holy purpose in the tender compassion of Jesus, who calls us into new and living friendship with you. May we, who take shelter in the shadow of your wings, be filled with the grace of his tender caring; may we, who stumble in selfish darkness, see your glory in the light of his self-giving. We ask this through him whose suffering is victorious, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Tue, 22 Mar 2016** (Tuesday of Holy Week)

Read: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

Pray for: Lisa, Shawn & William Balabas

Holy and immortal God, from earliest times you have named us and called us into discipleship. Teach us to follow the One whose light scatters the darkness of our world, that we may walk as children of the light. Amen.

**Wed, 23 Mar 2016** (Wednesday of Holy Week)

Read: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

Pray for: Robert Balding & Family

Troubled God, in every generation you call your people to contend against the brutality of sin and betrayal. Keep us steadfast even in our fear and uncertainty, that we may follow where Jesus has led the way. Amen.

**Thu, 24 Mar 2016** (Maundy Thursday)

Read: Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17,

Pray for: Todd Barkman

Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies. Amen.

**Fri, 25 Mar 2016** (Good Friday)

Read: Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1—19:42

Pray for: Scott Bird

Grieving God, on the cross your Son embraced death even as he had embraced life: faithfully and with good courage. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may hold fast to our faith in him exalted and may find mercy in all times of need. Amen.

**Sat, 26 Mar 2016**

Read: Job 14:1-14; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66

Pray for: Tony & Betty Bird

Ever-faithful God, by divine wisdom you gather us out of the darkness that has spoken its worst in the death of our Savior, into the light of Christ. Enable us to recall your many acts of mercy, the miracles by which you delivered us, and the signs of your unwavering love for humankind, which proclaim the gospel of resurrection and life. Amen.

**Sun, 27 Mar 2016** (Easter Vigil)

Read: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18

We exult in your love, O God of the living, for you made the tomb of death the womb from which you bring forth your Son, the first-born of a new creation, and you anointed the universe with the fragrant Spirit of his resurrection. Make us joyful witnesses to this good news, that all humanity may one day gather at the feast of new life in the kingdom where you reign for ever and ever. Amen.

**Mon, 28 Mar 2016**

Read: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Joshua 10:16-27; 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8;

Pray for: Charles & Wanda Bowers

O God, at this evening hour, the risen Christ revealed himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Feed us with the bread of life and break open our hearts, that we may know him not only in the good news of the scriptures, but risen in the midst of your pilgrim people. Amen.

**Tue, 29 Mar 2016**

Read: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a; Revelation 12:1-12;

Pray for: Charles & Marilyn Brumley

**Wed, 30 Mar 2016**

Read: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 2 Samuel 6:1-15; Luke 24:1-12;

Pray for: Frances Brumley

**Thu, 31 Mar 2016**

Read: Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:1-23; Acts 5:12-16;

Pray for: Martha Grace & Michael Moore

O God, you raised up Jesus Christ as your faithful witness and the first-born of the dead. By your Holy Spirit, help us to witness to him so that those who have not yet seen may come to believe in him who is, and was, and is to come. Amen.