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LENT—DAY 7



## INVITATION

*“The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” (Ps. 34:18)*

Quiet

## BIBLE SONG: PSALM 26:1-3, 9-12

Vindicate me, LORD,

for I have led a blameless life;

I have trusted in the LORD

and have not faltered.

Test me, LORD, and try me,

examine my heart and my mind;

for I have always been mindful of your unfailing love

and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness. . . .

Do not take away my soul along with sinners,

my life with those who are bloodthirsty,

in whose hands are wicked schemes,

whose right hands are full of bribes.

I lead a blameless life;

redeem me and be merciful to me.

My feet stand on level ground;

in the great congregation I will praise the LORD.

## BIBLE READING: GENESIS 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."

### Quiet

## DWELLING

Remind yourself you are in God's presence and read again...notice how God might be speaking to you through his Word—dwell on a word or phrase that jumps out at you...let your heart respond to God in prayer...take refreshment in God's presence.

## FREE PRAYER

- ❖ for governments, leaders, and the needs of our world
- ❖ for the continent of Asia
- ❖ for areas of hunger, famine, and disease—that none may go hungry

## PRAYER

*Forgiving God, the world is bent over with brokenness, weighed down with sin that spreads through the human race and sprouts up misery everywhere. It's a wonder you don't uproot the whole tangled mess and end it all—but you promised not to do that. I praise you for your bow of mercy that is now bent over the world, for the freedom from sin I can know in the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen. (BC 15)*

## BLESSING

*"God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8)*

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LENT—DAY 8



## INVITATION

*“The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves  
those who are crushed in spirit.” (Ps. 34:18)*

Quiet

## BIBLE SONG: PSALM 27:1-3, 9-10, 13-14

The LORD is my light and my salvation—  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life—  
of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked advance against me  
to devour me,

it is my enemies and my foes  
who will stumble and fall.

Though an army besiege me,  
my heart will not fear;

though war break out against me,  
even then I will be confident. . . .

Do not hide your face from me,  
do not turn your servant away in anger;  
you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,  
God my Savior.

Though my father and mother forsake me,  
the LORD will receive me. . . .

I remain confident of this:

I will see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD;

be strong and take heart  
and wait for the LORD.

## BIBLE READING: ROMANS 10:9-13

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Quiet

## DWELLING

Read again slowly...find a word or phrase that catches your eye or moves your heart...slowly repeat it...pray your thoughts, desires, needs, and feelings from your meditation...enjoy the presence of your Lord and Savior.

## FREE PRAYER

- ❖ for a yearning to know God and the diligence to seek him
- ❖ for the fullness of the Spirit of Christ
- ❖ for family members and friends who do not yet have faith

## PRAYER

*God of truth, I don't like to face the sin in me—it's ugly and frightening. But avoiding it only gets me tangled deeper in deception. So give me the courage to take an honest look at myself, and may that honesty make me long more and more for your salvation that sets me free from this body of death. In Christ's name, amen. (BC 15)*

## BLESSING

*“God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Rom. 5:8)*

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## LENT—DAY 9



### INVITATION

*“The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” (Ps. 34:18)*

Quiet

### BIBLE SONG: PSALM 28:1-2, 6-7

To you, LORD, I call;  
you are my Rock,  
do not turn a deaf ear to me.

For if you remain silent,  
I will be like those who go down to the pit.

Hear my cry for mercy  
as I call to you for help,  
as I lift up my hands  
toward your Most Holy Place. . . .

Praise be to the LORD,  
for he has heard my cry for mercy.  
The LORD is my strength and my shield;  
my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.  
My heart leaps for joy,  
and with my song I praise him.

### BIBLE READING: 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-6A

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and human beings, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself as a ransom for all people.

## DWELLING

Leisurely read again...is there a word or idea that stirred within you? Linger over it and give it your attention...is there something about the reading you'd like to ask God about? Pray your life to God...take a moment to rest in God's presence.

## FREE PRAYER

- ❖ for an abiding wonder at Christ's sacrifice
- ❖ for our capacity to suffer with others
- ❖ for those who are victims of crime, and those who support them

## PRAYER

*Gracious Lord, thank you for your big heart that wishes no one to be lost, but everyone to be saved. Today, we bring to you our family and friends who remain lost without Christ (take a moment to bring to God the names of those you know far from Jesus). We pray that your Spirit would bring them to Christ in faith so they might find new life. In the Savior's name, amen. (HC 20)*

## BLESSING

*"God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8)*

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LENT—DAY 10



## INVITATION

*“The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves  
those who are crushed in spirit.” (Ps. 34:18)*

Quiet

## BIBLE SONG: PSALM 29:1-5, 9-11

Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is majestic.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. . . .

The voice of the LORD twists the oaks  
and strips the forests bare.  
And in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD is enthroned as King forever.  
The LORD gives strength to his people;  
the LORD blesses his people with peace.

## BIBLE READING: 1 PETER 3:18-22

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. In that state he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—to those who were disobedient long

ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Quiet

## DWELLING

Read again, perhaps out loud...how has God's Word moved you? Ponder and meditate what has connected with your heart or mind...pray to God what it is that has moved you today...turn your thoughts to God and quietly enjoy being with him.

## FREE PRAYER

- ❖ for a deep missional identity to mark the local church
- ❖ for servant leadership, kingdom vision, godly stewardship, and effective organization of the local church
- ❖ for deacons and others who serve

## PRAYER

*Persuasive God, I know it sounds odd, but sometimes my sin seems too big and ugly even for you. Keep me from adding to my sin by thinking that your power can't forgive me now. Convince my unbelieving heart that through Christ's sufferings I'm forgiven and forever right with you. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen. (HC 21)*

## BLESSING

*"God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8)*

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## Second Sunday in Lent



### INVITATION

*“Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.” (Ps. 145:13)*

Quiet

### BIBLE SONG: PSALM 30:1, 6-12

I will exalt you, LORD,  
for you lifted me out of the depths  
and did not let my enemies gloat over me. . . .

When I felt secure, I said,  
“I will never be shaken.”

LORD, when you favored me,  
you made my royal mountain stand firm;  
but when you hid your face,  
I was dismayed.

To you, LORD, I called;  
to the Lord I cried for mercy:  
“What is gained if I am silenced,  
if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you?  
Will it proclaim your faithfulness?  
Hear, LORD, and be merciful to me;  
LORD, be my help.”

You turned my wailing into dancing;  
you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,  
that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent.  
LORD my God, I will praise you forever.

## BIBLE READING: GENESIS 12:1-4

The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

“I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you;  
I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.  
I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

Quiet

## DWELLING

Remind yourself you are in God’s presence and read again...notice how God might be speaking to you through his Word—dwell on a word or phrase that jumps out at you...let your heart respond to God in prayer...take refreshment in God’s presence.

## FREE PRAYER

- ❖ for resurrection hope and joy
- ❖ for sharing the good news of the living Jesus

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

### PRAYER

*Good God, you didn’t turn your back on a world plunged up to its neck in physical and spiritual death but set out to rescue it. I worship you for your resolute goodness and wisdom that sought and found me; I thank you for the blessing that has come to me in Jesus, and pray that my life may be a blessing to others. Amen. (BC 17)*

## BLESSING

*“I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.” (Ps. 130:5)*

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LENT—DAY 11



## INVITATION

*“Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.” (Ps. 145:13)*

Quiet

## BIBLE SONG: PSALM 24

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it;  
for he founded it on the seas  
and established it on the waters.

Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?  
Who may stand in his holy place?  
Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,  
who do not put their trust in an idol  
or swear by a false god.

They will receive blessing from the LORD  
and vindication from God their Savior.  
Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek your face, God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, you gates;  
be lifted up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD strong and mighty,  
the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, you gates;  
lift them up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?  
The LORD Almighty—  
he is the King of glory.

## BIBLE READING: GENESIS 15:1-5

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,  
your very great reward.”

But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir.” He took him outside and said, “Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

Quiet

## DWELLING

Read again slowly...find a word or phrase that catches your eye or moves your heart...slowly repeat it...pray your thoughts, desires, needs, and feelings from your meditation...enjoy the presence of your Lord and Savior.

## FREE PRAYER

- ❖ for our role as caretakers of creation
- ❖ for wise stewardship of our physical resources
- ❖ for our commitment to reduce, reuse, and recycle

## PRAYER

*Promise-making God, you come to us sinners with a vision beyond our wildest dreams and seal it with a covenant. Like Abraham, may we wholeheartedly believe in your promises, and, believing, be covered in your righteousness. Amen. (BC 19)*

## BLESSING

*“I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.” (Ps. 130:5)*

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LENT—DAY 12



## INVITATION

*“Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.” (Ps. 145:13)*

Quiet

## BIBLE SONG: PSALM 25:8-14

Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.  
He guides the humble in what is right  
and teaches them his way.  
All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful  
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.  
For the sake of your name, LORD,  
forgive my iniquity, though it is great.

Who, then, are those who fear the LORD?  
He will instruct them in the ways they should choose.  
They will spend their days in prosperity,  
and their descendants will inherit the land.  
The LORD confides in those who fear him;  
he makes his covenant known to them.

## BIBLE READING: GENESIS 17:1-7

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.”

Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you.

I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.”

Quiet

## DWELLING

Leisurely read again...is there a word or idea that stirred within you? Linger over it and give it your attention...is there something about the reading you'd like to ask God about? Pray your life to God...take a moment to rest in God's presence.

## FREE PRAYER

- ❖ for a love of and commitment to the communities in which God has placed us
- ❖ for God to equip us to serve in uniquely Christian ways in the public arena
- ❖ for those who work in education

## PRAYER

*Covenant God, thank you for your promises, which are full of blessing and life. Thank you most for your promise to send your Son, the powerful Jesus, to crush the head of the devil and to bring my life blessing. In the strong name of Jesus, amen. (BC 17)*

## BLESSING

*“I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.” (Ps. 130:5)*