

Prayers for Lent

Monday

Your love, which breathed this world into being, established a covenant people, brought them out of captivity and into a promised land.

Lord have mercy.

Your love, which from the moment of our birth has known and called us by name from out of this world's slavery into the kingdom of God.

Lord have mercy.

Your love, poured into the heart of Jesus who endured the nails of our sin, defeated death to rise again and causes our hearts to have hope.

Lord have mercy.

Tuesday

Sovereign Lord, your hand has touched the dry bones of our faith, your Word has breathed new life where there was death, your spirit raised us up from where we lay, your love has brought us home and to your Cross.

And by your grace we stand forgiven, free.

Lord have mercy.

Wednesday

Remind us often Lord, when we are feeling proud, arrogant, beyond reproach, pleased with ourselves, self sufficient in our ways, that for such as us you walked a road that took you to a cruel cross, and rose again to show us where we might look for rescue.

Lord have mercy.

Thursday

Jesus, Lamb of God, when you walked this earth you did not consider heavenly equality, but took the role of a servant. In humility and obedience you allowed the rough nails of our sin to be hammered into your flesh for the sake of our salvation.

And so it is that we acknowledge you as Lord of all, to the glory of God the Father, Son and Spirit.

Lord have mercy.

Friday

Forgive those things we have done which have caused you sadness, and those things we should have done that would have brought you joy.

In both we have failed ourselves, and you.
Bring us back to that place where our journey began,
when we said that we would follow
the way that you first trod.
Lead us to the Cross and meet us there.
Lord have mercy.

Saturday

God is our refuge in times of trouble,
keeping our feet steady upon the road,
watching over us and keeping us from harm.
Lord have mercy.

God is our fortress in times of distress,
circling us in the safety of his arms,
granting peace when our lives are not at ease.
Lord have mercy

God is our Father who knows us so well,
wanting only the best for his children,
willing always to forgive and forget.
Lord have mercy.

Sunday

Forty days alone, a wilderness of thoughts,
tempting and inviting thoughts,
which could so easily have distracted you
from your task, your mission, your vision.

Yet you emerged, stronger and more attuned to all that had to be done, despite a time constraint that to our eyes would have seemed hopeless.

We too live in stressful times.

Demands are made of our time, that leave so little for the important things of life.

We are easily distracted in the wilderness of our lives, by every call to go this way or that, to turn stone to bread leap from mountains, and do all that would keep us from the truth.

We listen to the voices of this world, and ignore the one who endured all this and so much more, and emerged triumphant, that we might not have to suffer so.

Forgive us, Father, when we get distracted from our task. Forgive us those times when we try to be all things to all men, and fail to be anything to anyone. Lord have mercy.

For everyday

Lord, grant us simplicity of faith and a generosity of service that gives without counting cost.

A life overflowing with Grace poured out from the One who gave everything, that we might show the power of love to a broken world, and share the truth from a living Word.

Lord, grant us simplicity of faith, and a yearning to share it.

Amen