

RETURN REMEMBRANCE REVIVAL

LENT READING 2026

About 2026 Lent Reading

Lent is a season of slowing down, self-examination, and returning to the Lord. Through the Bible passages and prayers written from the hearts of our QBC pastoral team, let us journey daily together as a church to return to our First Love, seek God's face and turn from our ways.

May this season of Lent draw us closer to Christ, shape our hearts, and awaken in us a fresh hunger for revival, for His glory and the good of His people.

If my people, who are called by my name,
will humble themselves and pray and seek
my face and turn from their wicked ways,
then I will hear from heaven, and I will
forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 CHRONICLES 7:14

Week 1 & 2: Humility – Returning to our First Love

18 Feb, Wed	Joel 2:12-13	<i>Return to God with all your heart</i>
19 Feb, Thu	Revelations 2:1-5	<i>You have left your first love</i>
20 Feb, Fri	Psalms 51:1-12	<i>A broken and contrite heart</i>
21 Feb, Sat	Isaiah 57:15	<i>God revives the lowly</i>
22 Feb, Sun	Micah 6:6-8	<i>Walking humbly with God</i>
23 Feb, Mon	Luke 18:9-14	<i>The prayer God hears</i>
24 Feb, Tue	James 4:6-10	<i>Humble yourselves before the Lord</i>
25 Feb, Wed	2 Chronicles 20:3-12	<i>Admitting our need for God</i>
26 Feb, Thu	Lamentations 3:31-33, 40	<i>Examine our ways and return</i>
27 Feb, Fri	Isaiah 66:1-2	<i>Trembling at God's word</i>
28 Feb, Sat	Psalms 139:23-24	<i>Inviting God's searching</i>
1 Mar, Sun	Matthew 6:16-18	<i>Fasting and Praying for Revival</i>
2 Mar, Mon	Hosea 14:1-2	<i>Return, O Israel, to the Lord</i>
3 Mar, Tue	Proverbs 3:5-7	<i>Turning from self-reliance</i>

Week 3 & 4: Hunger – Seeking God's Face

4 Mar, Wed	Psalms 63:1-8	<i>My soul thirsts for You</i>
5 Mar, Thu	Matthew 5:6	<i>Hungering and thirsting for righteousness</i>
6 Mar, Fri	Jeremiah 29:12-14	<i>Seeking God wholeheartedly</i>
7 Mar, Sat	Isaiah 55:1-3	<i>Coming to the One who satisfies</i>
8 Mar, Sun	Isaiah 64:8-12	<i>A Cry for Revival</i>
9 Mar, Mon	Isaiah 55:6-7	<i>Seek the Lord while He may be found</i>
10 Mar, Tue	Luke 11:9-13	<i>Seek and you shall find</i>
11 Mar, Wed	Psalms 27:4	<i>One thing I ask</i>
12 Mar, Thu	Psalms 42:1-2	<i>Longing for God's presence</i>
13 Mar, Fri	John 6:35	<i>Feeding on the Bread of Life</i>
14 Mar, Sat	Isaiah 26:8-9	<i>Waiting and yearning for God</i>
15 Mar, Sun	Jeremiah 14:7-9	<i>Revival: Turning from False Peace and Prosperity</i>
16 Mar, Mon	Luke 10:38-42	<i>Choosing the better portion</i>
17 Mar, Tue	Hosea 6:1-3	<i>Pressing on to know the Lord</i>

Week 5 & 6: Holiness – Turning from Our Ways

18 Mar, Wed	Romans 12:1-2	<i>A transformed life</i>
19 Mar, Thu	1 Peter 1:13-16	<i>Be holy, for I am holy</i>
20 Mar, Fri	Psalms 24:3-6	<i>Clean hands, pure hearts</i>
21 Mar, Sat	Isaiah 1:16-18	<i>Turning from sin to obedience</i>
22 Mar, Sun	Daniel 9:3-6, 17-19	<i>Model Prayer for Revival</i>
23 Mar, Mon	Colossians 3:5-10	<i>Putting off the old self</i>
24 Mar, Tue	Galatians 5:16-25	<i>Walking by the Spirit</i>
25 Mar, Wed	1 Thessalonians 4:1-7	<i>A life pleasing to God</i>
26 Mar, Thu	Psalms 119:9-11	<i>Living by God's Word</i>
27 Mar, Fri	John 15:1-8	<i>Abide in Me</i>
28 Mar, Sat	Titus 2:11-14	<i>A people eager to do what is good</i>
29 Mar Palm Sunday	Psalms 77:1-2, 10-15	<i>Remembrance that leads to Revival</i>

Holy Week – Walking with Jesus

30 Mar Holy Monday	Matthew 21:12-13	<i>My house will be called a house of prayer</i>
31 Mar Holy Tuesday	Mark 13:9-13	<i>Be alert and faithful till the end</i>
1 Apr Holy Wednesday	Matthew 26:6-13	<i>Breaking of the alabaster jar</i>
2 Apr Maundy Thursday	John 13:33-35	<i>Love one another, just as I have loved you</i>
3 Apr Good Friday	John 19:17-18, 28-30	<i>It is finished!</i>
4 Apr Holy Saturday	John 19:40-42	<i>Watching and waiting</i>
5 Apr Easter Sunday	2 Chronicles 7:14	<i>Revival: Humility, Hunger, Revival</i>

WEEK 1 & 2

Humility

Returning to Our First Love

Return to God with all your heart

Joel 2:12-13

“Let the nations be roused; let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the nations on every side. Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, trample the grapes, for the winepress is full and the vats overflow—so great is their wickedness!”

Lord, we now turn to You with all our hearts, rending not our outer garments but our repentant hearts; we bow humbly before You, confessing our wanderings. In Your abundant lovingkindness and mercy, please forgive and renew us, that we may once again live in Your glorious presence. Amen.

You have left your first love

Revelations 2:1-5

To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

Lord Jesus, who walks among the lampstands, forgive us for losing our first love. In this Lenten journey, draw us back through Your words, works, and wounded person—through tears, cross, and suffering. Renew our love, restore our deeds, and kindle grateful praise. Amen.

A broken and contrite heart

Psalm 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Lord, do not be far from me, for I am a sinner. Have mercy on me, do not let me grow numb to my sin, yet do not let me fall into despair because of it. By Your steadfast love, rebuild my heart. Dwell within me, and let me live again. Amen.

God revives the lowly

Isaiah 57:15

For this is what the high and exalted One says— he who lives forever, whose name is holy: “I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.

Holy and Most High God, thank You for not being out of reach. Thank You for willing to touch the lowly and contrite with Your great steadfast love and mercy, reviving our spirits. Thank You, God, for loving me so much. Amen!

Walking humbly with God

Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your grace to live out Your Word. Help me to act justly in all my decisions. Teach me to love mercy as you have shown it to me. Grant me the strength to walk humbly with you every step of the way. May my life be the offering that pleases you. Amen.

The prayer God hears

Luke 18:9-14

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

O merciful God, we humbly come before You, not trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your mercy alone. Save us from pride that blinds us and hearts that compare instead of love. Teach us humility and help us to depend completely on Your grace. Like the tax collector, we pray: *Be merciful to me a sinner.* Amen.

Humble yourselves before the Lord

James 4:6-10

But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

Dear Lord, we humble ourselves before You, laying down our pride and self-reliance. Cleanse our hands and our hearts, and draw us near, that we may devote ourselves to You wholeheartedly. Help us turn from our sin and walk in obedience, following Your ways; turn our sorrow into repentance, and our repentance into renewed joy in You. Amen.

Admitting our need for God

2 Chronicles 20:3-12

Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. The people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him.

Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the Lord in the front of the new courtyard and said:

"Lord, the God of our ancestors, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you. Our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? They have lived in it and have built in it a sanctuary for your Name, saying, 'If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us.'

"But now here are men from Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, whose territory you would not allow Israel to invade when they came from Egypt; so they turned away from them and did not destroy them. See how they are repaying us by coming to drive us out of the possession you gave us as an inheritance. Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."

Day 8

25 Feb, Wednesday

Admitting our need for God (cont'd)

God Almighty, we confess our weaknesses and admit our need for You. We do not know what to do in our challenges, but we will choose to fix our eyes on You. Remove our self-reliance and teach us to depend on You, to trust in Your power, faithfulness and mercy. Amen.

Examine our ways and return

Lamentations 3:31-33, 40

For no one is cast off by the Lord forever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone.

Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord.

Dear Father, our journey has brought about anguish and bitterness. Despite this, a greater power lifts our spirit. As we wait, we wait not in despair but in hope, that though the night is dark, your mercies are new every morning. Help us to lift our hearts and hands to You, the giver of hope above the momentary afflictions of this world. Amen.

Trembling at God's word

Isaiah 66:1-2

This is what the Lord says: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be? Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?" declares the Lord. "These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word.

Dear God, You are almighty, enthroned above all. Yet in Your mercy and grace, You draw near to the humble and contrite. Soften my hardened heart and attune my spirit to Your presence, O Lord. Teach me to listen with reverence, obey Your Word, and honour You above all. May I yield to You in worship and surrender. Amen.

Day 11

28 Feb, Saturday

Inviting God's searching

Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Lord, search my heart and test my thoughts; reveal all hidden deviations and unrighteousness. Lead me in the way everlasting, that I may not walk according to my own will, but only in obedience to Your truth and light. Amen.

Fasting and Prayer for Revival

Matthew 6:16-18

When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Lord Jesus, who taught us to fast in secret, forgive our hunger for approval. In this Lenten fast, we share Your tears, Your suffering and Your cross. As we die with You, revive our love, purify our hearts, and raise hidden obedience into joyful praise before the Father. Amen.

Return, O Israel, to the Lord

Hosea 14:1-2

Return, Israel, to the Lord your God. Your sins have been your downfall! Take words with you and return to the Lord. Say to him: "Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips.

O God, we earnestly beseech You to help us turn back to You from our iniquities; redeem us from all sins that run contrary to Your ways, so that the prayers and praises we offer to You may be acceptable in Your sight. Amen.

Turning from self-reliance

Proverbs 3:5-7

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.

Lord Jesus, help me to trust in You with all my heart. Forgive me when I've tried to be 'wise in my own eyes'. Help me to turn away from my pride and turn toward You. In every decision I face and every path I take, I acknowledge Your presence. Please direct my steps, straighten my path, lead me in the way I should go. Amen.

WEEK 3 & 4

Hunger

Seeking God's Face

My soul thirsts for You

Psalm 63:1-8

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. I cling to you; your right hand upholds me.

Heavenly Father, You are our God, and our souls yearn for You. Heal us from our disordered love; cause our hearts to be restless until we rest in You, for Your love is better than life. Satisfy us with Your presence, uphold us with Your right hand, and help us cling closely to You as we journey through life. Amen.

Hungering and thirsting for righteousness

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness, for they will be filled.

O Lord, create in us a deep hunger and thirst for Your righteousness. Let us desire Your will more than success, comfort, or approval. Shape our desires to seek Your ways and Your statutes. Satisfy us with Your presence and let Your blessing be reflected in our lives. Amen.

Seeking God wholeheartedly

Jeremiah 29:12-14

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

Dear God, You are the Promise Keeper – faithful and trustworthy. In every season of my life, may I learn to call upon You in quiet trust, and seek You wholeheartedly in full surrender. Gather my scattered desires and turn my heart towards You, O Lord. As You draw me back to Yourself, may I find true contentment in You alone. Amen.

Coming to the One who satisfies

Isaiah 55:1-3

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.

In my season of drought and hunger, I spent myself until I was empty—yet still found nothing in my hands. Lord, I thank You for Your call. I come. I choose to rest satisfied in Your everlasting covenant love, and to taste its overflowing abundance. Amen.

A Cry for Revival

Isaiah 64:8-12

Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people. Your sacred cities have become a wasteland; even Zion is a wasteland, Jerusalem a desolation. Our holy and glorious temple, where our ancestors praised you, has been burned with fire, and all that we treasured lies in ruins. After all this, Lord, will you hold yourself back? Will you keep silent and punish us beyond measure?

Our Heavenly Father, You are our Potter and we are Your clay. Broken and weary, our love has grown cold, and we need Your renewing touch in our lives. Have mercy on us, breathe life into us again and revive us Lord for Your glory. Amen.

Seek the Lord while He may be found

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Father, we earnestly seek You while You may be found, repenting before You for our transgressions; we plead for Your complete forgiveness according to Your abundant mercy. Help us turn away from evil ways, return to Your loving embrace, and lean on Your faithful promises. Amen.

Seek and you shall find

Luke 11:9-13

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

In my wandering, doubt, and loneliness, I cry out to You! Let me find You. I long to return to You, my Father, and lay before You all my needs, my shortcomings, and my weaknesses. Amen.

Day 22

11 Mar, Wednesday

One thing I ask

Psalm 27:4

One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

O God! Help us to have a heart that sincerely seeks You and a longing to dwell in You; let us behold Your beauty in the midst of Your glory, and find our satisfaction in You alone. Amen.

Longing for God's presence

Psalm 42:1-2

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

Lord Jesus, just as the deer longs for flowing streams, my soul longs for You. When I feel dry and weary, may my heart thirst for the Living God. I don't just want answers or blessings; I want your presence. Draw me close to You. Refresh my spirit, quiet my mind, and let me find my rest in the deep waters of Your love. Amen.

Feeding on the Bread of Life

John 6:35

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Dear God, the Bread of Life, I come to You with deep hunger and thirst. Feed my hungry heart with Your truth and nourish my parched soul with Your presence, O Lord. Still my restless striving and teach me to come to You daily; for apart from You, nothing else can truly satisfy. Amen.

Waiting and yearning for God

Isaiah 26:8-9

Yes, Lord, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts. My soul yearns for you in the night; in the morning my spirit longs for you. When your judgments come upon the earth, the people of the world learn righteousness.

Our Lord God, we long for Your presence in our lives. We pray in our waiting and yearning in the day and in the night, that You will teach us Your ways. Deepen our trust in You and shape us in Your righteousness. Amen.

Revival: Turning from False Peace and Prosperity

Jeremiah 14:7-9

Although our sins testify against us, do something, Lord, for the sake of your name. For we have often rebelled; we have sinned against you. You who are the hope of Israel, its Savior in times of distress, why are you like a stranger in the land, like a traveler who stays only a night? Why are you like a man taken by surprise, like a warrior powerless to save? You are among us, Lord, and we bear your name; do not forsake us!

Father, forgive us when we, at times, mistakenly believe that peace means everything is under our control. Thank You for reminding us that You are the only source of our true peace and abundant life. Help us to live our lives in genuine worship, for apart from You, our lives have no meaning and we can do nothing without You. Amen.

Choosing the better portion

Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Indeed, O Lord, only one thing is needed, to recognise that we are in the presence of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour and in that recognition, obedience; obedience, repentance; repentance, restoration; restoration, worship. Please give us the clarity and wisdom to choose the better. Amen.

Pressing on to know the Lord

Hosea 6:1-3

"Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence. Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth."

Lord, we turn back to You. Though You have torn us, You will also heal us; though You have struck us, You will also bind our wounds. Raise us up, that we may live in Your presence. Let us know You more deeply and pursue You steadfastly. For You shall surely come to us, like the refreshing rain that waters the earth. Revive us, O Lord, that we may live in Your light. Amen.

WEEK 5 & 6

Holiness

Turning from Our Ways

A transformed life

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for being the atoning sacrifice on my behalf. Today, I choose to offer myself as a sacrifice of gratitude, laying aside the ways of this world, and worshipping You with a life that delights Your heart. Please, transform me—here and now. Amen.

Be holy, for I am holy

1 Peter 1:13-16

Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

Holy Lord, we are filled with gratitude that only by Your precious blood are our sins forgiven. We earnestly beseech You to help us remain ever watchful, living out holiness through Your great power and drawing closer to You. Amen.

Clean hands, pure hearts

Psalm 24:3-6

Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not 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.

Lord Jesus, I come before You, asking You to examine my life. With clean hands and a pure heart, wash away any pride, dishonesty, or misplaced devotion. As I seek Your face, I don't just want to know about You; I want to be in Your presence. May I receive Your blessing and find my righteousness in You, my Savior. Amen.

Turning from sin to obedience

Isaiah 1:16-18

Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. "Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

Merciful Father, thank You for cleansing us and making us new. Search our hearts, root out what displeases You, and form in us a desire to walk in justice, humility, and love. Though our sins are like scarlet, we trust Your promise to forgive and restore us by Your grace through Your Son, our Lord Jesus. Amen.

Model Prayer for Revival

Daniel 9:3-6, 17-19

So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed: "Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land.

"Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary. Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name."

Faithful God, with Daniel we turn to You in fasting, confession, and desperate hope. In this Lenten path, we look to Jesus—His truthful words, merciful works, and tearful obedience unto the cross. For His sake, hear us, forgive us, and revive Your people for Your glory. Amen.

Putting off the old self

Colossians 3:5-10

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

Dear God, I come before You, humbly asking that You search my heart. Reveal all that still belongs to the old self – my sins, my pride, and my selfish desires. Renew me from within, O Lord, and shape my heart and mind with Your truth. Clothe me with the new self, that I may live fully in Your likeness. Amen.

Walking by the Spirit

Galatians 5:16-25

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Holy Spirit, we yield our hearts to You. Lead our path and shape our desires so that we will not sin against You. Grow Your fruit in us – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithful, gentleness, self-control. Teach us to walk in step with You every day. Amen.

A life pleasing to God

1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

O Lord, help us live lives that please You in every way. Teach us to walk in holiness, self-control, and love, honouring You with our bodies and our choices. Set us apart from worldly desires and strengthen us to follow Your will faithfully each day. Amen.

Living by God's Word

Psalm 119:9-11

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

O Lord, help us to hide Your word in our hearts, to see Your Word as treasures above all treasures and to guard and defend it with resolution as the most precious thing of all. When it is time to be revealed, help us to bring it forth with similar vigour and love. Amen.

Abide in Me

John 15:1-8

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Lord Jesus, thank You for sharing with me this precious way of life: loving You and being loved by You, loving others and allowing myself to be loved. Lord, I know I cannot do this by my own strength. Please keep me abided to You, nurture me, and let this fruit grow in my life. Amen.

A people eager to do what is good

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Loving and faithful Lord, we thank You for accomplishing the great work of redemption, allowing us to be called by Your name through faith. We earnestly beseech You, Lord, to help us never stumble on the path of following You, but to remain firm and unmovable. Amen!

Remembrance that leads to Revival

Psalm 77:1-2, 10-15

I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me.
When I was in distress, I sought the Lord; at night I stretched out untiring hands, and I would not be comforted.

Then I thought, "To this I will appeal: the years when the Most High stretched out his right hand. I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds." Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God? You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples. With your mighty arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

O God, give Your justice to the One who holds authority, and teach Your righteousness to the King. May he judge Your people with justice and treat the poor with uprightness. May all nations come to serve him and bless him, for he delivers the needy who cry out, and has compassion on the weak and the poor, saving them from oppression and violence. May his name endure forever and be honored and praised by all. Amen.

Holy Week

Walking with Jesus

My house will be called a house of prayer

Matthew 21:12-13

Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers.'"

Father, we humbly invite You into the temple of our hearts. May You cleanse us completely, removing every sin, distraction, and divided loyalty, and consecrate our hearts to be Your holy dwelling place. Change and transform us, so that we may honour You with our lives, reflecting Your holiness and offering genuine worship to You. Amen.

Be alert and faithful till the end

Mark 13:9-13

You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. Everyone will hate you because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Lord Jesus, keep our hearts awake and our faith strong as we wait for Your return. Strengthen us as we remain alert, faithful and not ashamed in all trials to come. Teach us to endure with hope, boldness and obedience until we see You face to face when You return. Amen.

Breaking of the alabaster jar

Matthew 26:6-13

While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked. "This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor." Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

Dear God, as You poured out Your life for me, help me break my alabaster jar and pour out mine for You in worship. May I hold back nothing, surrendering my heart fully and offering up my time, talents, and treasures. Help me to honour You above all else, that my life may be a fragrant offering to You. Amen.

Love one another, just as I have loved you

John 13:33-35

"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Lord Jesus, help me to live up to Your new commandment: to love others just as You have loved me. Forgive me for the times I have been known more for my opinions or my judgments than for my love. Help me to love my brothers and sisters so that the world will look at us and see You. Amen.

It is finished!

John 19:17-18, 28-30

Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Lord Jesus, we bow before the cross where You were crucified, willingly giving Your life for us. In Your suffering and complete submission to the Father's will, You revealed perfect love and obedience. Thank You for bearing our sins and bringing to fruition the redemptive work. Lead us to take up our cross daily and to live lives fully surrendered to You. Amen.

Watching and waiting

John 19:40-42

Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Dear Lord, Holy Saturday was a painful time of mourning and darkness. No one knew what was going to happen, but You executed Your sovereign will to perfection. In times of darkness, teach us not to lose faith when things seem dead, help us to watch and wait with an expectant heart, trusting in You completely. Amen.

Humility, Hunger & Holiness

2 Chronicles 7:14

if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Risen Lord Jesus, we humble ourselves before Your empty tomb, hungry for Your life and holiness. Thank You for Your victorious works and living word. As You rose in power, heal our land, revive Your people, and awaken joyful praise to the glory of God. Amen.

