

Prayer Calendar

March 2018

Spiritual Gift of Healing

“We have been given our gifts to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of Jesus, to maturity, to be like Christ.”

Thursday, March 1

Isaiah 41:10 | Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

~ Lord God, to know that you are with me and that through you I can find strength and help encourages me in my healing and wholeness.

Friday, March 2

Jeremiah 17:14 | Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.

~ Holy One, when we ask, you answer. I offer my whole self for your healing grace.

Saturday, March 3

Jeremiah 33:6 | Behold, I will bring to it health and healing, and I will heal them and reveal to them abundance of prosperity and security.

~ Almighty God, you bring health and healing to our cities through your faithful disciples. Help us today be a part of that healing to renewed health and stability.

Sunday, March 4

Isaiah 43:5 | Do not fear, for I am with you. . .

~ Lord God, you know that we tend to be afraid of things we cannot control. I name those things that I most fear and leave them with you.

Monday, March 5

Psalm 103:3a | ...who forgives all your iniquity...

~ God of All Creation, there is so much that we do wrong; so much that we left undone. Thank you that in you we can find forgiveness.

Tuesday, March 6

Psalm 103: 3b | ...who heals all your diseases...

~ Gracious Lord, we know that much of our sin results in poor health, lost relationships, and unstable communities. Help us always to fully trust in you so that we can be healed.

Wednesday, March 7

Psalm 103: 4a | ...who redeems your life from the Pit....

~ God of All, it seems that we are sometimes very comfortable in the Pit; it is not a place we want to be, but we stay there all the same. Help us remember that we can have life outside of the Pit.

Thursday, March 8

Psalm 103: 4b | ...who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

~ Holy One, the promise of your steadfast love and mercy gives us hope that our sins are forgiven and we can be healed of what keeps us from living life in abundance.

Friday, March 9

Psalm 103:5a | ...who satisfies you with good as long as you live...

~ Awesome God, sometimes we had rather stay miserable because we are so afraid of change. Help us trust that you only want good for our whole lives.

Saturday, March 10

Psalm 103: 5b | ... so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

~ Gracious God, your desire for us is to fly – to live into your full desire and purpose for us. Give us courage to step out into this new life of wholeness and grace.

Sunday, March 11

Psalm 40: 1 | I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined unto me and heard my cry.

~ Lord of Grace, you hear the cries of our hearts and give us comfort. Thank you.

Monday, March 12

Psalm 40:2 | He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

~ Forgiving God, we are so grateful for the hope you give us for a life of healing and wholeness, of forgiveness and grace. Show us how to be a part of that healing for others.

Tuesday, March 13

Psalm 40:3a | He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

~ Lord God, there are times when we need to join you in singing a new song so others can begin to heal.

Wednesday, March 14

Psalm 41: 4 | As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you."

~ Lord God, when we admit our sins you are faithful to heal us. Help us walk alongside others to join them in their healing and wholeness.

Thursday, March 15

Psalms 147:3 | He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

~ Holy One, in your grace you encourage us to reach out to others who are brokenhearted and wounded and be with them. Open our eyes today to those who need to feel your presence and let us be that holy presence.

Friday, March 16

Proverbs 16:24 | Pleasant words are like honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

~ Lord God, a word of goodness and encouragement can be what someone needs to restore their soul. Give us the wisdom today to speak words of healing and grace.

Saturday, March 17

Isaiah 12:2b: ...for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

~ God of Grace, I will remember that you are my strength and you are my energy and courage and by trusting in you and depending only on your presence can I live a life of wholeness.

Sunday, March 18

Lamentations 1:20: See, O LORD, how distressed I am; my stomach churns, my heart is wrung within me, because I have been very rebellious.

~ Holy God, I don't often think of myself as rebellious, but really I am. Every time I choose my will over your desires for me, I rebel. Help me today to act upon your will for my life.

Monday, March 19

Lamentations 3:22: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end:

~ Loving God, there is no end to your love – you have given us the gift of love to share with others and as I could never stop loving my children – so you never stop loving us and wanting good in our lives.

Tuesday, March 20

Lamentations 3:23: ...they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

~ Renewing God, each new sunrise brings with it the promise of grace and hope. Each new day your mercies and your love shine in my life and I am grateful.

Wednesday, March 21

Lamentations 3:24: “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, therefore I will hope in him.”

~ Lord of All, as good food sustains our bodies, so your grace and love sustain our souls. Thank you, for the hope that comes from being your child.

Thursday, March 22

Numbers 12:13 | And Moses cried to the LORD, “O God, please heal her.”

~ O God, bring to our minds today those who need your healing grace. We cry out their names for your restoration.

Friday, March 23

Psalm 23: 1,2 | The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want...he restores my soul.

~ Good Shepherd, we know that you provide for every need and in so doing our souls are restored and whole. Thank you for your loving care. Help me care for others as you do.

Saturday, March 24

Psalm 23:4 | Even though I walk through the darkest valley...for you are with me.

~ Dear Jesus, all of us walk through dark valleys and we do not walk alone. Help me as it seems the walk through is too long and I wonder where it will end. But, you are with me.

Palm Sunday

Monday, March 25

Psalm 23:5 | You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil;

~ Lord Jesus, knowing you are waiting for me, for all of us, in the face of our fears and that you heal us gives us strength. Thank you for your gift of abundant grace and hope.

Monday, March 26

Psalm 23:6 | Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

~ Lord God, we are confident that you are with us all the days of our lives showing us the way of hope, healing and wholeness. Help me show others this healing grace.

Tuesday, March 27

Lamentations 3:55 | I called on your name, O LORD, from the depths of the pit;

~ Holy One, just as things are going well, something happens. We are grateful that even on those days when we are in the pit, you hear our cries.

Wednesday, March 28

Lamentations 3:56 | you heard my plea, “Do not close your ear to my cry for help, but give me relief!”

~ Gracious God, it seems sometimes that there is no end to the pain and the sorrow, the traps and the grief. Help us answer someone's call for help through the power and grace of your Holy Spirit.

Thursday, March 29

Lamentations 3:57 | You came near when I called on you; you said, “Do not fear!”

~ Forgiving God, fear holds us back from healing, from getting well and being whole. Take away our fears and help us to imagine a full and abundant life without the chain of being afraid.

Friday, March 30

Psalm 130:1a | Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD, Lord, hear my voice!

~ Lord God, sometimes we are in the depths of despair and we don't think you can hear. But, you do. You send someone to take our hand and lift our spirits. Help us be that person for someone today. Thank you that we can be your agent for healing.

Saturday, March 31

Psalm 30:11 | You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

~ Lord God, there is an end to mourning and grief and it comes through spending time with you, in your healing and mercy. I offer myself to you for healing.

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Read the scripture for the day over and over, out loud if possible. As you read, listen with an “ear of the heart” to a word or phrase that strikes you.

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Reflect on that word or phrase asking yourself the question: “What is God saying to me through this word or phrase at this time?” Spend time in silence with this scripture mulling it over in your mind and heart.

Allow God to speak to you in the silence. Offer a prayer out of your reflection.

Thank God for whatever you received in the silence of your prayer and take that with you through your day.

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