

For Your Personal Notes

Daily Lenten Devotionals

Whether you like it or not,

Read and pray daily.

It is your life;

There is no other way.

Do justice to your soul;

Give it time and means to grow.

Do not starve yourself any longer.

—John Wesley

Each day read John Wesley's statement printed on the cover of this Devotional guide. Use these Scriptures for your personal devotions. Read the passages and reflect. Write notes on the blank page or write in a journal. This is for you. Blessings, Pastor Cathy

__ **ASH WEDNESDAY, February 17: Matthew 6:1—6, 16—21**

Jesus teaches us how to pray.

Pray this day that God will help you to prepare your heart and your mind for the journey to the cross during this Holy season.

__ **Thursday, February 18: 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10**

Paul urges the Corinthians to respond faithfully to God's grace in Christ.

Pray that you may respond faithfully to God's grace in your life.

__ **Friday, February 19: Joel 2:1—2, 12—17**

Joel's words are a call to repentance and right relationship with God.

Pray that you may experience these same things in your life during this season of self—giving.

__ **Saturday, February 20: Psalm 51:1—17**

The psalmist prays for healing and moral renewal.

Pray this day for this same kind of wholeness for our world.

__ **Sunday, February 21: Genesis 2:15—17, 3:1—7**

This story of the fall of humanity into the condition of sin reminds us of the need for God's grace and one outward and visible sign of that grace is Christian baptism.

Reflect this day on the meaning and significance of your own baptism.

__ **Monday, February 22: Matthew 4:1—4**

Jesus says that we are to live by the Word of God.

Pray that you might have the wisdom to discern God's word and will for your life.

__ **Monday, March 29: John 12:1—11**

The first step in preparing for the death of Jesus. A precious perfume is given.

Let us pray and discern what it is we might give to honor the one who dies for us.

__ **Tuesday, March 30: John 12:20—36**

Jesus talks about His death and why He has come into the world. He challenges those who follow Him.

Let us pray that we will walk in the light and follow Jesus; losing ourselves in service to Christ our Lord.

__ **Wednesday, March 31: John 13:21—30**

Jesus is troubled and foretells His betrayal.

Let us pray that we become aware of the ways we grieve God and betray God in our living and let us seek forgiveness and renewal.

__ **Maundy Thursday, April 1: John 13:1—17**

Jesus washes the disciples feet.

Let us pray that Christ will wash us and cleanse us from unrighteousness, that we may be clean before Him.

__ **Good Friday, April 2: John 18:1—40**

The story of Jesus' arrest and trial.

Let us pray and ask forgiveness for the times we have denied Christ in our lives.

__ **Saturday, April 3: John 19:1—42**

The story of the crucifixion, death, and burial of Christ.

Let us pray: Great and mighty God, on this day, silence surrounds me, darkness has invaded my light...but, I have learned in these moments I can trust you...for morning comes with new hope. Grant me the faith to last through the night that I might rejoice in the morning light. Amen.

___ **Monday, March 22: Psalm 130**

The psalmist cries out as he waits for Divine redemption.
Let us pray that in our times of weariness and doubt we might discover faith and hope in the Lord.

___ **Tuesday, March 23: Ezekiel 37:1—14**

God brings life once again to even the dry bones in the valley.
Let us pray: O come breath of God, and breathe into me the newness of life.

___ **Wednesday, March 24: Romans 8:6—11**

Paul talks about life in the Spirit.
Let us pray that we might walk faithfully empowered by the newness of life.

___ **Thursday, March 25: Isaiah 50:4—9a**

Isaiah writes words of a servant.
Let us pray that our tongue might be the tongue of a teacher, our ears opened to hear God's words of truth, our eyes opened to see God's vision for our life, and our hearts filled to overflowing that we might love one another.

___ **Friday, March 26: Philippians 2:5—11**

Paul talks about Christ's humility.
Let us pray that we might have the mind of Christ and learn to serve one another.

___ **Saturday, March 27: Psalm 118:19—29**

A song of victory.
Let us pray that we might enter the gates of righteousness to give thanks to God and rejoice in this day.

___ **Sunday, March 28: Matthew 21:1—11**

Jesus rides triumphantly into Jerusalem. The people wave palm branches as a sign of their worship and adoration of the king.
Let us pray and express our adoration to Christ as King.

___ **Tuesday, February 23: Matthew 4:5—7**

Jesus challenges us not to put God to the test.
Pray that God might give you strength in adversity.

___ **Wednesday, February 24: Matthew 5:8—11**

We are to worship and serve only God.
How is God calling you to serve?

___ **Thursday, February 25: Romans 5:12—17**

Through our faith in Christ's redeeming act upon the cross, we are pardoned from our sin and given the gift of God's justifying grace.
Pray that you might grow in faith and therefore grow in grace.

___ **Friday, February 26: Romans 5:18—21**

God's grace wipes the slate of original sin clean and makes us new creatures in Christ.
Pray that you might be recreated in God's image as a child of God.

___ **Saturday, February 27: Psalm 32**

The psalmist gives thanks for God's healing.
Take some time to reflect and remember God's healing in your own life.

___ **Sunday, February 28: John 4:5—30**

Jesus' meeting with the woman at the well symbolizes that Christ came to break down barriers of race, ethnicity, and sex so that all the world might be saved.
Pray this day that we as a world might be united in Christ.

___ **Monday, March 1: John 3:16—17**

This is the essence of the Gospel message.
Pray that you might have the courage to share the Good News with others.

__ **Tuesday, March 2: Romans 4:1—5**

Abraham's faith made him righteous in the sight of God.

Pray with thanksgiving for those who have gone before you in the faith.

__ **Wednesday, March 3: Romans 4:13—15**

God's promise to Abraham of an inheritance is given not because of the law but because of faith.

Pray that you come to the knowledge of that same promise of God.

__ **Thursday, March 4: Romans 1:16—17**

We are all descendants of the promise through our faith.

Pray that God will give you the strength and the endurance to live out that promise.

__ **Friday, March 5: Genesis 12:1—4a**

This passage is the story of the call of Abraham.

How have you experienced God's call to a life of faith?

__ **Saturday, March 6: Psalm 121**

This is a praise psalm of God's blessing.

How has God blessed you in life?

__ **Sunday, March 7: John 3:1—15**

Jesus tells Nicodemus about being reborn so that he might inherit the kingdom of God. One real way that we experience the kingdom of God is through the act of communion.

As you come to the table this day, please remember what God has done for you so that you might be a part of the kingdom.

__ **Monday, March 8: John 4:31—38**

The harvest comes from the labor of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Who are those who have labored before you in faith?

__ **Tuesday, March 9: John 4:39—42**

Faith based on the testimony of the Samaritan woman is vindicated in personal experience.

Who in your life is waiting to hear you tell your personal experience of the Good News? Pray for that person.

__ **Wednesday, March 10: Romans 5:1—5**

When we rely upon God's grace and not upon ourselves then we have peace.

Pray for courage to put your whole life in God's hands.

__ **Thursday, March 11: Romans 5:6—11**

Christ in death has borne the consequences of our sin and thus has reconciled us to God.

Pray that you might be in a right relationship with God through Christ.

__ **Friday, March 12: Exodus 17:1—7**

The Hebrew people grumbled and asked: "Is the Lord among us or not?"

What times in your life have you wondered if God had abandoned you?

__ **Saturday, March 13: Psalm 95**

This psalm is a tribute to the Lordship of God.

Pray that you might come to the recognition that God is Lord in all parts of your life.

__ **Sunday, March 14: Psalm 23**

The shepherd's staff reminds us of the "Good Shepherd" who lays down His life for the sheep. The shepherd cares for and guides the sheep always.

Let us pray in thanksgiving for the Christ who is our shepherd.