

MARCH 13, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY
IN LENT



Stand firm in the Lord.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 13:31-35	Jesus' sorrow over Jerusalem
Monday	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	God's covenant with Abram
Tuesday	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Stand firm in the Lord
Wednesday	1 Peter 5:6-11	Helping Christian leaders
Thursday	Exodus 14:10-14	Crossing the Red Sea
Friday	Hebrews 10:19-29	A call to persevere
Saturday	Psalms 27	A song of trust
Sunday	Luke 13:1-9	Parable of the fig tree

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Philippians 4:1 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, you are my glory and salvation; whom shall I fear? Give us confidence in your care through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of abundant grace, for this food that strengthens us and feeds the soul, let us praise you today through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord be your strength and deliver you from every danger.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*I Want Jesus to
Walk with Me*



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When have you doubted your ability to do something you wanted to do?
- How does life in the body of Christ help give you self-confidence?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Philippians 3:17-4:1.

Paul was encouraging those who follow the Lord Jesus Christ while addressing those who misunderstand what it means to follow Christ. It is possible to misuse one's freedom in Christ. It is also possible to follow the wrong examples and end up with a god that satisfies "the belly," one's own physical wants and appetites. Such a life leads to shame, not joy and gladness. How do we avoid the glitter and glamour around us? We imitate people like Paul, people who follow the cross of Christ into the world to share the love of others instead of feeding our own insatiable cravings. Paul reminds us that our citizenship, our loyalty, is in Christ alone. He commends a life that does not surrender to personal desires but stands firm in Christ and a life that brings joy.

Discuss: Who in your life is a role model as one who follows Jesus, and why?

Pray: **God of power and might, help us to see more clearly that we may gladly follow you into a life that brings hope and joy through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how might you set aside your own wants and desires this week to help someone else?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Lent is a time to focus on prayer. God created the heavens and the earth, the night and the day, the moon and the stars. Take time this week to go outside on a clear night and gaze at the sky. Pray for all of God's creation while watching the stars. While standing outside say: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world. The light no darkness can overcome.** Close with the Lord's Prayer.



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