

Prayer Calendar

March 2020

Priorities

This month we will explore some of the priorities of Jesus by asking the question, “What did Jesus most frequently and consistently say and do during his public ministry that would be instructive for us?”

Sunday, March 1

Matthew 18:20 | For where two or three are gathered in my name, I'm there with them.

~ Loving Jesus, you promised that you are with us when we gather in your name. Help us be mindful of your presence among us – in those who are ill, in those who are poor, in those who are vulnerable.

Monday, March 2

Mark 6:31 | He said to them (disciples), “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile.”

~ Lord, we are busy and you call us to rest; we are in a hurry and you call us to rest; why do we resist resting awhile with you? What are we afraid of? Help me stop and rest with you today.

Tuesday, March 3

Matthew 6:21 | “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

~ Dear Jesus, help me treasure your love above all things. Teach us to understand how much we have to share. Grant us generous hearts.

Wednesday, March 4

Mark 6:56 | And wherever he went...they laid the sick in the marketplaces, ... and all who touched it (fringes of his cloak) were healed.

~ Healing Jesus, you have compassion for those who are sick and in need. Help us, in your name, be a healing presence wherever we go.

Thursday, March 5

Mark 10:13 | People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them...

~ Loving Jesus, you love children and welcome them. Give us hearts for children everywhere so that we might reflect your love and grace in their lives. Today I pray for: _____.

Friday, March 6

Mark 1:35: In the morning while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.

~ Lord of Life, you prayed and invite us into prayer with you. Help me set aside my busyness to take time to be with you in prayer.

Saturday, March 7

Mark 2:13 | Jesus went out again beside the sea; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them.

~ Teacher, you took every opportunity to teach the people. Help us teach others today in your name and for your sake.

Sunday, March 8

Matthew 5:7 | "Blessed are the merciful..."

~ Jesus, you call us to show mercy first. You offer mercy because of who God is and we are to follow you. Help us be more like you and be merciful to all.

Monday, March 9

Luke 11:41 | So give for alms those things that are within; and see, everything will be clean for you.

~ Giving Lord, you ask that we give alms as an act of love to someone in need who cannot give anything back and we will be restored and love as God loves. Help me love today.

Tuesday, March 10

Mark 2: 15 | And as he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus....

~ Compassionate Jesus, you welcome everyone and include everyone at your table. Help me reach out to those on the margins of society like you did.

Wednesday, March 11

Luke 4:16 | ... he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom.

~ Jesus, it was your custom to gather with others in a house of worship. Help me make gathering in worship a priority in my life as it was yours.

Thursday, March 12

John 13:34 | I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you must love each other.

~ God of Love, your love for us and our love for one another is essential in our knowing and following in your ways. Its hard to love some people – help me today love those who are hard to love – whom you love.

Friday, March 13

Mark 8:5 | He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?”

~ Lord, you ask us what do we have so that we may use what we have to help others. Help me be grateful for what I have so that I might use it in your service.

Saturday, March 14

Mark 8:6b | and he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute.

~ Loving Jesus, you taught us to take what we have and share. You teach us to trust you for enough. I trust you today for:

Sunday, March 15

Mark 12:28 | ...Which commandment is the most important of all?

~ Loving God, we long to live in your will by following your commandments. Help us to remember to love you and love neighbor. Today I will love my neighbor by_____.

Monday, March 16

Matthew 5:2 | Then he began to speak, and taught them...

~ Dear Jesus, you taught the people how to live another way. Sometimes your teachings are too hard and we don't want to listen. Open my eyes and unplug my ears so that I might see and hear what lessons you have for me today.

Tuesday, March 17

Matthew 22: 37 | He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

~ Loving Jesus, for you everything is based on loving God with our whole self. Show me the ways you have given me to love God with my whole being.

Wednesday, March 18

Matthew 22:39 | And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

~ My Lord, to love neighbor is to love you – yet so often I hold back because I disagree with my neighbor. Forgive my stubborn and hard heart and help me love others.

Thursday, March 19

Matthew 22:40 | On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

~ Holy God, you tell us we cannot have one commandment without the other – that they are one in the same. Help me remember that treating others with compassion and mercy is our expression of love for you.

Friday, March 20

Matthew 7:12 | “In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.”

~ Loving God, we all want to be loved and dealt with justly and so are called to be the source of that love in the world. Help me today to extend your love and justice in the world.

Saturday, March 21

Mark 10:43b-44 | ... but, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be a slave to all.

~ Lord, help me to be humble by presuming no reward or recognition and by keeping my focus on the needs of others.

Sunday, March 22

Matthew 18:10 | See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven.

~ Father, help me protect all your children. Teach me how to welcome them as your Son did. Grant me wisdom to worship you with childlike trust and praise.

Monday, March 23

Mark 9:37 | Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.

~ Jesus, we are to welcome the children as you did; be patient, kind and understanding. In doing this we follow your example of love.

Tuesday, March 24

John 10:30 | I and the Father are one.

~ God of All, bring us closer to you. Help us follow the example of your Son, to make your will the center of my life and daily concern.

Wednesday, March 25

Matthew 18: 21-22 | “How often should I forgive?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.”

~ Lord, you call us to extend our forgiveness to all who ask; you do not say forgive some sins and do not forgive others – just forgive.

Thursday, March 26

Luke 17:3b | ...and if there is repentance, you must forgive.

~ Jesus, you tell us that our sins are forgiven when we love others with mercy, compassion, and humility. This is so hard. Help us. Today I forgive: _____.

Friday, March 27

Mark 8:34 | “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

~ Christ Jesus, help us always to deepen our understanding of your gospel. Give us the wisdom to judge ourselves rightly and challenge others with compassion.

Saturday, March 28

John 3:5 | Jesus answered, Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

~ Gracious God, you call us to transformation, growth, risks, discipleship and new life – help us not be afraid of a new and renewed life in you.

Sunday, March 29

Mark 6:34 | ...he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd . . .

~ Loving Shepherd, you have compassion on us – those who know you and those who do not, and those who have forgotten. Help us be your compassion in the world through loving service and care.

Monday, March 30

Mark 1:15 | ...repent, and believe in the good news.

~ Lord, there are so many things of which we need to repent: selfishness, fear and anxiety, lack of compassion, intolerance, injustice. Help me turn around my life and believe completely in your saving grace.

Tuesday, March 31

Luke 11:1 | He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray...”

~ Lord of Life, you prayed in the ordinary happenings of the day. You prayed with others and for others. Help us pray like this and to seek you constantly and learn your will.

This prayer calendar is designed to aid you in your daily life of prayer.

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.

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.