

Prayer Calendar

November 2018

Compassion

Compassion means to “suffer together and is the ability to understand the emotional state of another person or oneself and is having a desire to alleviate or reduce the suffering of another. God has compassion for us, and all creation. We receive that compassion and are able to extend it to others.

Thursday, November 1

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, November 2

Psalms 116:5 | Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

~ Holy One, we can trust in your mercy for ever and over your mercy and compassion is given to us and we are grateful.

Saturday, November 3

Psalms 78:38 | Yet he, being compassionate, forgave their iniquity, and did not destroy them;...

~ Compassionate God, your character is compassion and forgiveness; help us remember and extend that compassion and forgiveness into the world as your people.

Sunday, November 4

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

~ Holy One, your compassion is 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.

Monday, November 5

Psalm 103:8 | The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

~ Lord God, we can trust your mercy for we experience your mercy in forgiveness and in your Son.

Tuesday, November 6

Psalm 103:13 | As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD had compassion for those who fear (love) him.

~ Gracious Lord, you love us and care for us as a compassionate father: help us extend that love to others today.

Wednesday, November 7

Psalm 51:1a | Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

~ Father, today I trust in you and you alone. I am standing before you and sense your love wash over me.

Thursday, November 8

Palm 86:15 | But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Merciful God, we are so fearful that we are not good enough or worthy enough. Your word tells us, affirms us, calls us to know that we are enough to be loved and cared for by you.

Friday, November 9

Psalm 106:43 | Many times he delivered them, but they were rebellious in their purposes, and were brought low through their iniquity.

~ 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, November 10

Psalm 106:44 | Nevertheless he regarded their distress when he heard their cry.

~ Gracious God, in spite of our sin, in spite of our rebellion against your love, your compassion and goodness endures forever. Help us remember that your love extends beyond our borders.

Sunday, November 11

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

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

Monday, November 12

Isaiah 30:19b | He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when he hears it, he will answer you.

~ Lord God, when we cry out to you, you hear us and you answer us in unexpected ways and at unexpected times. We wait and we trust in your love.

Tuesday, November 13

Isaiah 49:10 | ..they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them.

~ Lord God, trouble will come, disaster will strike and we live in chaos, but in your compassion you lead our weary souls out of the trouble into a place of peace. Show me how to follow you today,

Wednesday, November 14

Read Isaiah 40: 13-14 | Sing for joy....For the LORD has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones.

~ Lord God, sometimes we can only see the suffering and forget your comfort in the small things, the tiny moments of grace. We are so impatient for you to act! Forgive us!

Thursday, November 15

Isaiah 49: 15 | Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb”

~ Lord, we know what it is like to love our children and yet your love and compassion is greater than our human nature can imagine. We stand amazed at your grace.

Friday, November 16

Isaiah 49:16 | See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands...

~ Lord God, in my imagination I can see my name on the palm of your hand and I breathe the breath of your goodness and holiness.

Saturday, November 17

Isaiah 54:10 | ...but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

~ 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, November 18

Isaiah 43:1b | Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

~ Holy God, is there any greater mercy and compassion that being redeemed by your love and belonging to you? Today I give you my fears -----.

Monday, November 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, November 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, November 21

Colossians 3:12 | As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

~ Lord of All, our responsibility to live as your children is great. Help us remember as we dress for the day each piece of holy and spiritual clothing that we are to wear as your disciples.

Thursday, November 22

Ephesians 4:32 | ...and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

~ O God, bring to our actions today true kindness, tenderheartedness and forgiveness as you have given to us.

Friday, November 23

1 Peter 3:8 | Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

~ God of Love, you call us through your servant Peter to live the way of the disciple and yet we hang on to our old habits. Help us today to remember these things and practice them without fail to become more like Christ.

Saturday, November 24

John 3:16 | For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

~ Lord God, the ultimate gift of compassion and mercy to all the world is Jesus the Christ, through which we may know you. Our eternal life is now in our life with you and we are grateful.

Sunday, November 25

Luke 7:13 | When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep."

~ Lord Jesus, in your compassion you see us and you comfort us in our sorrow; for this we are grateful. You know the promise of hope in new life out of death.

Monday, November 26

Matthew 9:36 | When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

~ Gracious God, it seems sometimes that there is no end to the pain and the sorrow, the traps and the grief. But you are there and your love is enough.

Tuesday, November 27

Matthew 14: 13b | ...he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

~ Holy One, you see us – we are not invisible – you see us and you love us. Thank you!

Wednesday, November 28

Read Matthew 20:29-34 | Jesus heals the blind men

~ Healing Lord, help us remember to call on you again and again and in your compassion you will hear us. Today I ask you to _____.

Thursday, November 29

Luke 15:20 | But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion...

~ Forgiving God, fear holds us back from running back to you and for full healing. You ask for nothing, but for us to come back.

Friday, November 30

Mark 1:40-41 | A leper came to him begging him...Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!"

~ Lord Jesus, we beg, we ask and you hear and in your compassion you answer. We trust in whatever answer you give to us

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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.

