

# Lenten Prayers



Dedicated to my dear friends and  
Prayer Partners  
at Culmore United Methodist Church

Truly an international congregation!

In His service,  
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DAY 1



For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.”  
*John 3:16 (KJV)*

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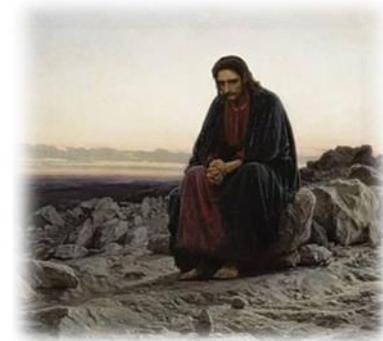
LORD Jesus, during this season of Lent, we are mindful of how much God loves us, and how great Your sacrifices were, when You left the glory of heaven to live here on earth.

You often remind us of the need to show our love for You by being loving and giving to others.

LORD, help us to be grateful for the privilege of serving You, by reaching out to others around us, where the needs are so great. *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, thank You for the gift of Your life, so freely given.**

DAY 2



Then Jesus was led out into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit, to be tempted there by Satan. For forty days and forty nights he ate nothing and became very hungry.  
*- Matthew 4:1-2 (TLB)*

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The Bible says that Satan seeks to “kill, steal and destroy.” When Satan confronted Jesus in the wilderness, Jesus relied on His knowledge of God’s Word to overcome him. Satan could not stand against the truth.

So what does that mean for us, when we also confront adversity in our lives?

We too can rely on the things we have read in our devotions, or verses we have memorized, or heard from our preachers and teachers, to remind us of God’s truth and instruction. *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, we are grateful for all we have learned from You.**

### DAY 3



Jesus said to them, “Come with me. I’ll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I’ll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass.” They didn’t ask questions, but simply dropped their nets and followed.

- *Matthew 4:18-20 (Message)*

LORD, what a diverse group of individuals You chose for Your first disciples! How they struggled to do what You wanted them to do. Like we sometimes do also.

They didn’t always understand You, and were far from perfect. But they gave their lives to talking about who You are, and serving You.

You came to show the world God’s love and grace. How can I do less than give my life to You? *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, You can use everyone in Your Kingdom.**

### DAY 4



Measure how high heaven is above the earth;  
God’s wide, loving, kind heart is greater  
for those who revere Him.  
- *Psalm 103:11 (VOICE)*

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God of every land and nation, You have created all people, and You lived among us in Jesus Christ.

Listen to the calls of those who pray to You, and grant that, as we proclaim the greatness of Your name, all people will know the power of Your love at work in the world.

Transform our hearts by Your Spirit, that we may use our varied gifts to show forth the light of Your love, as one body in Christ.

Then all creation will see Your glory, and come to know Your son, Jesus the Christ. *Amen*

**Jesus, You are the LORD of all the nations.**

DAY 5



Jesus said, “I am the vine; you are the branches.  
If you remain in me and I in you,  
you will bear much fruit.  
Apart from Me you can do nothing.”  
- *John 15:5 (NIV)*

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Our Father wants us completely devoted to Him. He also told us to share all that love and devotion with our neighbors—all of our neighbors. We know that with God, all things are possible. So, LORD, we bring You everything we have.

Open our eyes, hearts and minds to all that awaits us, when we become faithful servants in Your service, for Your honor and glory. *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, You are our source of life.**

DAY 6



The Lord is my shepherd. I will always have everything I need. He gives me green pastures to lie in. He leads me by calm pools of water. He restores my strength. He leads me on right paths to show that he is good. - *Psalms 23:1-3 (NKJV)*

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Abba Father, although we may encounter troubles in our lives, You are always our Rock, our Fortress. When we are lost, You will come and find us. With you, we find everything that we need.

Forgive us, LORD, for our tendency to stray, instead of remembering who we are in Christ Jesus—Your children, called by Your name, washed clean, and forgiven, ready always for faithful service to You. *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, without You we are lost.**

## DAY 7



Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know.  
Remember the Lord in everything you do, and He will show you the right way.  
- *Proverbs 3:5-6 (Good News)*

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LORD Jesus, help us to acknowledge You as the one who shows us the way, who walks right beside us as we go through experiences that are hard to face or understand.

Forgive us for the times when we have not chosen to do what You have called us to do.

Help us to remember that, only when we trust and rely completely on Your love and grace, can we have the kind of faith that moves those mountainous problems. *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, You are our way,  
truth and life.**

## DAY 8



Let us go right in to God himself, with true hearts fully trusting Him to receive us because we have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean.  
- *Hebrews 10:22a (Living Bible)*

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LORD Jesus, we come before You, so grateful for the ways in which You showed us through Your words and Your example, how important is the need to be in constant communication with our Loving and Gracious Heavenly Father.

Thank you for this prayer that reminds us to come every day to God, about what is happening in our everyday lives. We want to keep coming through the door You opened for us. *Amen*

**LORD, teach us to pray, too.**

DAY 9



Let us put everything out of our lives  
that keeps us from doing what we should.  
Let us keep running in the race that  
God has planned for us.  
- *Hebrews 12:1 (NLV)*

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LORD Jesus, You did not promise us that we  
would have easy lives. But You said You would  
always be there – traveling with us to share our  
burdens, and to make sure we knew the way to  
go.

Now we have places to go, other lives to  
touch, hurting people to bring to You. Guide us  
as we run the good race. *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, You are the One  
who keeps us on our way.**

DAY 10



Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take  
your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you  
since the creation of the world.  
- *Matthew 25:34 (NIV)*

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LORD Jesus, how grateful we are to be  
kingdom people--Your people--called to be Your  
representatives!

Give us the courage to act like we ARE  
kingdom people, brought by You to be in each  
situation in which we find ourselves.

There are no coincidences, only divine  
appointments. Thank You for the privilege we  
are given to serve You. *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, thank You for giving us  
assignments in Your kingdom.**

DAY 11



Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and have it in abundance."  
- *John 10:10b (CSB)*

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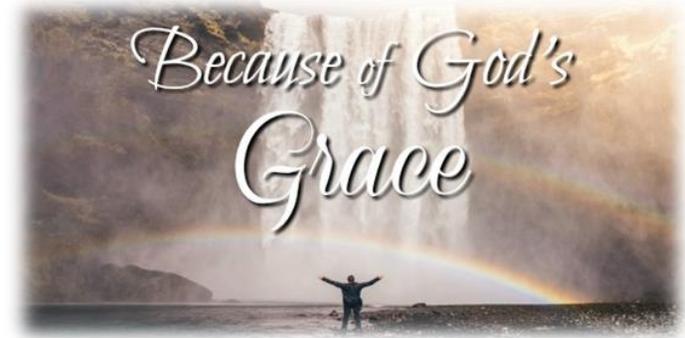
LORD, through your example, you have taught us that we need to:

- Pray constantly
- Love God with everything we have.
- Love one another as you have loved us.

Most of all, we need your loving direction when we are tempted to go our own ways. Your way is so much better than ours! *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, keep us on your path,  
not ours.**

DAY 12



I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.  
- *Psalms 121:1-2 (NKJV)*

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Father, forgive us for all the ways we have failed to be Your obedient children. How grateful we are for Your grace, such unmerited favor! Instead of giving us what really deserve at times, You shower us with Your many blessings.

Give us eyes fully open to the needs around us, ears to hear the cries of pain and hopelessness, and hearts that are in tune with Your loving and gracious heart. Help us reach out in Your name, both to those who do not know You, and those who do, and show them what Your love and grace is all about. *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, we thank You for accepting  
Your unworthy servants -- to be Your  
ambassadors to the world.**

DAY 13



The Lord has shown you what is good.  
He has told you what He requires of you.  
You must act with justice.  
You must love to show mercy.  
And you must be humble as you live  
in the sight of your God.  
- *Micah 6:8 (NIRV)*

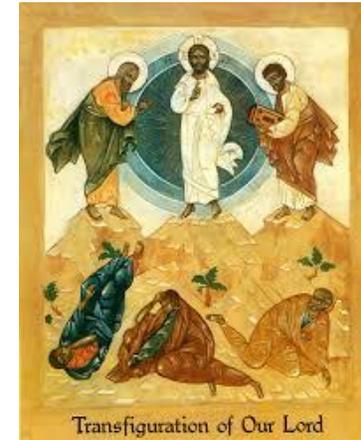
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Loving mercy and showing it to others—that should be easy, or is it, LORD? You showed us what should be done through Your life and Your teachings. Help us find ways to share what we have known of our Father's love and grace, and to stand up for others when it becomes necessary.

LORD Jesus, come walk with us as we humbly look for ways to do what You would do, if You were still on earth! *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, we anxiously wait for You to bring justice and mercy to the earth.**

DAY 14



Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

Matthew 17: 1-2

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What a sight that must have been for Peter and James and John. If only we could have seen what they saw. What glory and grace!

Help us become people who demonstrate Your love and grace and peace to everyone we meet. Open our eyes and hearts to see each person and situation through the lens of Your love and grace.

**Change our hearts, oh LORD Jesus, so that we can be more like You.**

DAY 15



Just before the light of day, Jesus went to them walking on the water. When the followers saw Him walking on the water, they were afraid. They said, “It is a spirit.” They cried out with fear. At once Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take hope. It is I. Do not be afraid!”

Peter said to Jesus, “If it is You, Lord, tell me to come to You on the water.”

- *Matthew 14:25-28 (NLV)*

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We have to love Peter! Jumping right in, without thinking. How many times he fell, and yet Jesus chose him as the rock on which He built His church.

Which one of the characters in this story am I like? The one staying in the boat where it's safe, or Peter, taking the chance and plunging right in? Lord, grow my faith and help me follow through when you call. *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, give us the faith to walk with You, wherever You take us.**

DAY 16



But Jesus replied, “Why are you so afraid? You surely don't have much faith.” Then he got up and ordered the wind and the waves to calm down.

And everything was calm.  
- *Matthew 8:26 (CEV)*

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Some times our lives are full of storms. There is much happening around us that make us afraid.

How grateful we are for Your presence in our lives, always watching out for us, encouraging us, showing us what to do—IF we listen!

You don't promise to make the storms go away...but You **do** assure us that You will be with us through it all. We are never alone. *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, stay with me.**

DAY 17



Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father sent Me, so send I you.  
- *John 20:21 (Good News)*

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Abba Father, how grateful we are that You are a Loving and Gracious God, who gives us second and third and fourth chances to get things right!

Like Peter, we “miss the mark” pretty often. But we want to do our very best, when You call us into Your service, just as Peter did when called by his LORD to feed His sheep.

LORD, in Your grace, please keep giving us chances, chances to make a difference in the lives of those around us.

Help us to recognize the “sheep” to whom You want us to show Your love and grace. *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, we are grateful that our mistakes don't keep us from serving You.**

DAY 18



So now Jesus and the ones He makes holy have the same Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them His brothers and sisters.  
- *Hebrews 2:11 (NLT)*

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We are all brothers and sisters, regardless of race, gender, age, or status in the world. We are all—every single one of us—Your beloved children. Show us how to love each other, as You love us. Show us how to share this good news with everyone we encounter, through our actions first, and then our words. *Amen.*

**LORD Jesus, how joyful we are to be so beloved by You.**

DAY 19



The younger son got up and started back to his father. But when he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt sorry for him. He ran to his son and hugged and kissed him.  
- *Luke 15:20 (CEV)*

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We call him the “prodigal son.” He was the younger son who asked for his inheritance, and then wasted it in self-indulgent living.

When he had lost everything, he finally returned home, expecting to be judged and criticized. Instead, his father greeted him with open arms and tender forgiveness. Indeed, his father was so glad to see him that he put aside his dignity and *ran out* to greet his son. *Amen*

**Thank You, Father, for not treating us as we deserve. Where would we be without your grace and forgiveness?**

DAY 20



Jesus said: “I give you the gift of peace. In the same way the Father sent Me, I am now sending you.”  
- *John 20:21 (VOICE)*

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You showed us through Your own example what is necessary, to see the needs around us, the poverty, injustice, sickness, abuse.

Now it is time for us to find the way to bring more of Your love and grace and peace into our world. We need to not just speak of such things as forgiveness and justice, but actually take action. *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, thank goodness  
You were born to save us all,  
the least and the lost.**

DAY 21



*God said to Abraham: “I will establish My covenant between Me and you, and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. “*  
- *Genesis 17:7 (MEV)*

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Abba Father, we remember Your promises to our patriarch Abraham, that he would be the father of a very fruitful people. We are grateful to be part of his family.

Show us how to be covenant people, especially in the ways we should care for each other, in the ways we are to love You. *Amen*

**LORD, help us be faithful covenant people.**

DAY 22



Because you are sons and daughters, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying “Abba, Father!”  
- *Galatians 4:6 (CEB)*

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Father, we thank You for the gift of today. Keep us focused on You in all that we do...right now. Help us live out this focus right now, today.

And most of all, thank You for the gift of our LORD Jesus in our lives! *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, thank You for being our way to the Father.**

DAY 23



Paul said, “We are confident that God is able to orchestrate everything to work toward something good and beautiful when we love Him and accept His invitation to live according to His plan.”  
- *Romans 8:28 (VOICE)*

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Our Gracious and Loving Heavenly Father, we are so undeserving of Your grace, that You should send Your son to save us.

Help us lean on You when challenges arise that threaten to overwhelm us.

They are simply part of the tapestry of our lives, which looks messy underneath, but is truly beautiful on the top. *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, we thank You for Your unending love and grace.**

DAY 24



All you who work hard, all you who carry heavy loads, come to me! I will give you rest.  
- *Matthew 11:28 (WE)*

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Holy and Gracious Father, what a privilege it is to come into Your presence, for there we find mercy and peace and love, even as You challenge us to be more like You.

How grateful we are that we can come to You as Your much-loved sons and daughters, needing Your blessing.

Help us to put aside our tendency to look at our circumstances, what is happening in our lives, when all we really need to do is to draw closer to You, and then bring others with us, to also enjoy Your rest. *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, thank You that You welcome everyone.**

DAY 25



Then Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, gazed into heaven, and gave thanks to God.

He broke the bread and the two fish and distributed them to his disciples to serve the people—and the food was multiplied in front of their eyes! Everyone had plenty to eat and was fully satisfied.

- *Mark 6:41-42 (TPT)*

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LORD Jesus, there were lots of leftovers, after You fed thousands of people, not only food for the body, but food for the soul. What abundance.

What caring about every aspect of our lives!

**LORD, thank You for my daily bread.**

DAY 26



A woman from Samaria came to the well to draw water. Jesus said, “Please give me a drink of water....But if anyone drinks the living water I give them, they will never thirst again and will be forever satisfied!”

- *John 4:6, 14a (WE)*

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This story of this outcast woman at the well shows us in no uncertain terms that You care for each one of us, no matter who we are, or how badly we have messed up our lives. Not one of us is excluded from Your love and grace.

And anyone and everyone can be the messenger to others about You wherever they live. *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, give us Your living water,  
that we may never thirst again.**



The woman said, “I know that the Messiah will come. He is the one we call Christ. When He comes, He will explain everything to us.”

- *John 4:25 (CEV)*

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LORD Jesus, what an answer you gave to this outcast woman at the well! You confirmed to her—before You told anyone else—that You, in fact were the Messiah. How that changed her life, inside out.

How you change our lives, inside out. How we rejoice! *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, we praise  
Your mighty name.**



The people were amazed as they saw the dumb speaking, the crippled made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they praised the God of Israel.

- *Matthew 15:31 (GNT)*

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LORD, just as You healed so many people in so many different ways, we too have received Your gracious healing in countless ways.

Forgive us for the times when we have not thanked You for what You have done.

You are the same, yesterday, today and forever. That includes the power to provide for the welfare and healing of Your children. *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, we give You honor  
and praise for all the ways  
we have been healed!**

DAY 29



The Lord answered her, “Martha, my beloved Martha. Why are you upset and troubled, pulled away by all these many distractions? Are they really that important? Mary has discovered the one thing most important by choosing to sit at my feet. She is undistracted, and I won’t take this privilege from her.”  
- *Luke 10:41-42 (TPT)*

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Oh, those distractions, LORD! How many ways our attention is drawn away from what is the most important thing.

Forgive all the creative excuses we have for not spending more time with You. Forgive us for focusing on the things that don’t really matter.

We are the ones choosing either to be with You, or to spend our time in all the “busyness” that sometimes overtakes our time. *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, help me to  
always choose You.**

DAY 30



Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord,  
and He will lift you up.  
- *James 4:10 (NKJV)*

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LORD Jesus, You knew what it was to humble Yourself, to submit to the will of the Father, even under the most difficult of circumstances, when You went to the cross.

As we go through the challenges of our days, give us the grace to wait on You, so that we can do what You would do in each situation.

Help us to put aside what we think and want to do, and to wait patiently and expectantly for God’s guidance and direction. *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, help us through  
our difficult times.**

DAY 31



Your heavenly Father will forgive you if you forgive those who sin against you; but if *you* refuse to forgive *them*, *He* will not forgive *you*.

- *Matthew 6: 14-15 (TLB)*

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they’re doing.”

- *Luke 23:34 (CEB)*

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LORD, it really is hard sometimes to forgive when others have said or done things that cause us pain.

Please give me the healing I need for each situation, and then the ability to extend Your gracious love and forgiveness to the others too.  
*Amen*

**LORD Jesus, we choose to forgive others,  
as You have forgiven us.**

DAY 32



Tell the people of Jerusalem, “Look, your King is coming to you. He is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey’s colt.”

- *Matthew 21:5 (NLT)*

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LORD Jesus, Creator of the universe, You entered Jerusalem on Your way to the cross, to offer all mankind salvation from their sins.

And yet You chose to ride humbly on a colt for Your “triumphal entry” into Your city, Jerusalem.

How was Your humility and grace an example that we can follow? *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, keep us humble,  
just as You were.**

DAY 33



For as the waters fill the sea,  
the earth will be filled with an awareness  
of the glory of the LORD.”  
– *Habakkuk 2:14 (NLT)*

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LORD Jesus, we give You all honor and glory and praise! Along with those who were with You on the road into Jerusalem, so many years ago, we cry out “Hosanna, God, please save us!”

Help us as we prepare to celebrate the glory of Your resurrection, that we don’t allow all the “stuff” in our lives to overshadow the joy of our new lives in You.

Send us forth to bring to others the knowledge of the gift You offer to everyone—to live forever with You. *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, we give You all glory,  
honor and praise.**

DAY 34



Jesus said: I am not praying just for these followers. I am also praying for everyone else who will have faith because of what my followers will say about me.  
– *John 17:20 (CEV)*

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Wow, LORD, wow! Not only does the Creator of the Universe know all there is to know about me, and has helped to plan all of my days, but You are also praying to God our Father for me. I am so grateful that You know all the things planned for my life, and are praying for God’s best for me.

To paraphrase Psalm 8:4, who am I that You are thinking about me all the time, and taking care of me this way? *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, You really must  
love me a lot.**

DAY 35



While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take and eat. This is my body.” He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many so that their sins may be forgiven.

- *Matthew 26:26-28 (CEB)*

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Through our service of communion, we remember Your last Passover with Your disciples.

As we receive the elements of bread and wine, we are reminded that You are our gracious LORD, the one who died for us and still lives in us. *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, thank You  
for Your gift of grace.**

DAY 36



Jesus said: “If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.”

- *John 13:14 (MEV)*

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LORD, what did You mean by asking us to wash each other’s feet? Does that mean that nothing is too small a task to help someone out? Or for that matter, nothing is too big for us to take on when someone is in need?

Maybe it is our attitudes toward others, LORD? Everyone is our neighbor, and deserving of our time and best efforts in Your service. Help us to humble ourselves and put everything aside, when we are called to Your service by one of our brothers and sisters. *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, You humbled Yourself for  
me, so help me to do the same  
for my brothers and sisters.**

DAY 37



Then Jesus gave another loud cry  
and gave up His spirit and died.  
At once the curtain in the house of God  
was torn in two from top to bottom.  
The earth shook and the rocks fell apart.  
- *Matthew 27:50-51a NLV*

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An old spiritual song asks us “Were you there  
when they crucified my LORD?” There on the  
cross, You carried the weight of all of the sins of  
the world, current and future, even mine. In  
response, the curtain of the temple was torn in  
two, giving us access to God’s throne of grace for  
all time.

We WERE there! *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, thank You  
for changing my life at the cross.**

DAY 38



An angel said: “But Jesus is not here. He was  
raised, just as He said He would be. Come over  
to the grave, and see for yourself.”  
- *Matthew 28:6 (Voice)*

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Hallelujah, LORD Jesus, praise God, You are  
alive! The tomb is empty! You gave up Your  
place in the glory of Heaven for a time, to come  
to this earth, to carry the great burden of all the  
sins of this whole world God made, with You to  
the cross.

O LORD, we invite You into our hearts again.  
We give You all the burdens that we don’t need  
to continue to carry, because we can entrust our  
lives to You. Help us also to notice the way that  
stones of obstruction are rolled away for us,  
through Your grace. *Amen*

**Hallelujah, LORD. You live!**



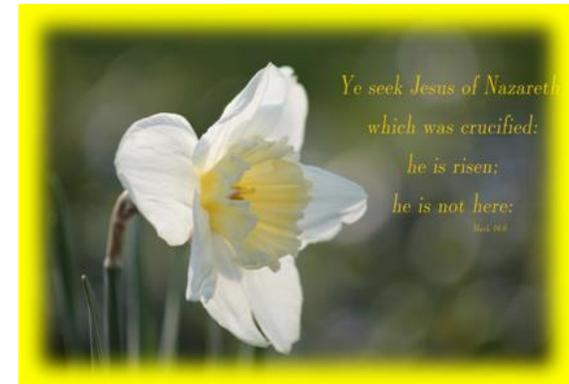
Jesus said: "I give you the gift of peace.  
In the same way the Father sent Me,  
I am now sending you."  
- *John 20:21 (Voice)*

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LORD Jesus, the empty tomb reminds us that without You, our lives are empty and meaningless. But when You are present in our lives, we have life abundant and full.

Help us to make each day of our new lives count, to be full of opportunities to touch the lives of others. Let us show each other what it means to have Your peace in our lives, the peace that passes all understanding. *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, You are the source of true peace in our lives.**



He is not here; he has been raised. Remember what he said to you while he was in Galilee? "The Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and three days later rise to life."  
- *Luke 24:6-7 (GNT)*

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That first Easter morning started off as a day of mourning and confusion. But it ended up as a time of great joy, as it became clear that You arose from the dead, as You said You would do.

LORD, help us to keep remembering the way despair gives way to hope and joy, even now as we continue our journey of faith.

Now it is time for mourning to turn to dancing and joy, as we celebrate Your resurrection and all it means to us! *Amen*

**LORD Jesus, we choose life with You.**