

Daily Prayers for Lent

Ash Wednesday to Saturday, February 27

These Daily Prayers from *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* (Church Publishing, 2018) are provided to support the Lenten discipline of daily prayer. The Prayer for Ash Wednesday is recommended for each day of Lent until Palm Sunday (March 28) in addition to the Daily Prayer. The Bible Readings are from the Daily Lectionary, Year B, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (pp. 1134f). The prayers provided for the Sundays in Lent are the Prayer of the Day, Year B, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (pp. 26ff).

Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Thursday, February 18: 1st John 1:3-10 (Martin Luther, 1546)

Direct us, O Lord, in everything we do with your most gracious favor, and develop us with your continual help; that in all our works begun continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and, finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Friday, February 19: 2nd Timothy 4:1-5

Support us, O Lord, with your gracious favor through the fast we have begun; as we observe it by bodily self-denial, so we may fulfill it with inner sincerity of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Saturday, Feb. 20: Matt. 9:2-13 (Rasmus Jensen, 1st Lutheran Pastor in Canada, 1620)

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth your right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Sunday in Lent: 1st Peter 3:18-22

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of

baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Monday, February 22: Ephesians 2:1-10

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully increase in us your gifts of holy discipline, in prayer, fasting, and giving to the poor; that our lives may be directed to the fulfilling of your most gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Tuesday, February 23: 1st Peter 3:8-18 (Polycarp of Smyrna, Martyr, 156)

Grant to your people, Lord, grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only True God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Wednesday, February 24: Matthew 4:1-11 (St. Matthias, Apostle)

Bless us, O God, in this holy season, in which our hearts seek your help and healing; and purify us by your discipline that we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Thursday, February 25: Romans 3:21-31 (Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, 1921)

Strengthen us, O Lord, by your grace, that in your might we may overcome all spiritual enemies, and with pure hearts serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Friday, February 26: Romans 4:1-12

Lord Christ, our eternal Redeemer, grant us such fellowship in your sufferings, that filled with your Holy Spirit, we may subdue the flesh to the spirit, and the spirit to you, and at the last attain to the glory of your resurrection; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Saturday, February 27: Mark 8:27-30

O God, by your Word you marvellously carry out the work of reconciliation: Grant that in our Lenten fast we may be devoted to you with all our hearts, and united with one another in prayer and holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.