

## **Daily Prayers for Lent**

**Sunday, March 14 to Saturday, March 20**

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

### **The Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 14** Ephesians 2:1-10

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

### **Monday, March 15** Hebrews 3:1-6

O Lord our God, in your Holy Sacraments you have given us a foretaste of the good things of your kingdom. Direct us, we pray, in the way that leads to eternal life, that we may come to appear before you in the place of light where you dwell forever with your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

### **Tuesday, March 16** 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10:6-13

O God, with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light: Quench our thirst with living water, and flood our darkened minds with heavenly light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen

### **Wednesday, March 17 (St. Patrick, missionary to Ireland +461)** John 8:12-20

O Lord our God, you sustained your people in the wilderness with bread from heaven: Feed now your pilgrim flock with the food that endures to eternal life; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

**Thursday, March 18** Hebrews 4:1-13

Almighty and most merciful God, drive from us all weakness of body, mind and spirit; that, being restored to wholeness, we may with free hearts become what you intend us to be and accomplish what you want us to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

**Friday, March 19 (Joseph, Guardian of Jesus, Husband of Mary)** Hebrews 4:14-5:4

O God, you have given us the good news of your abounding love in your Son Jesus Christ: fill our hearts with thankfulness that we may rejoice to proclaim the good tidings we have received; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

**Saturday, March 20** John 12:1-11

Mercifully hear our prayers, O Lord, and spare all those who confess their sins to you; that those whose consciences are accused by sin may by your merciful pardon be absolved; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen