

# LENT: 40 DAYS OF PRAYER

This Lent Calendar is for households to do together. Begin by reading the scripture for the day, then focus on the daily activity.

<p><b>S 19-Feb</b></p>	<p><b>M 20-Feb</b></p>	<p><b>T 21-Feb</b></p>	<p><b>W 22-Feb</b></p> <p>Read John 3:30, 1 John 1:5-10, Psalm 139:23-24</p> <p>Let's begin our 40 days by ensuring there is nothing between us and God. There is nothing He can't forgive.</p>	<p><b>R 23-Feb</b></p> <p>Read Psalm 103:8-14</p> <p>Increase Bible memory. Write Ephesians 5:2 on a card and place it where it will be seen by everyone in the house. Try to memorize it this week.</p>	<p><b>F 24-Feb</b></p> <p>Read Galatians 5:13-16</p> <p>Increase listening. Ask someone to share one thing about their day. Listen. Make a positive comment or ask a follow-up question.</p>	<p><b>S 25-Feb</b></p> <p>Read James 1:2-6, Psalm 62:5-6</p> <p>Life is busy and loud. We will work on learning to be still. Spend 5 minutes in silence with no background noise. Was this easy or hard? Why?</p>
<p><b>S 26-Feb</b></p> <p><b>THE ANOINTING</b></p> <p>Read Mark 14:1-11</p>	<p><b>M 27-Feb</b></p> <p>Read Mark 14:1-11, Psalm 2</p> <p>Place water, cinnamon, vanilla, or other good-smelling things in a pot and heat. Talk about the story above when Jesus was anointed.</p>	<p><b>T 28-Feb</b></p> <p>Read John 15:1-5</p> <p>Decrease focus on ourselves. Think of someone you know who needs help. Choose one person or family and serve them in some way this week.</p>	<p><b>W 1-Mar</b></p> <p>Read Romans 12:1-13</p> <p>Increase outreach. Who is someone you love but don't see often? Write them a note, text or send them a picture letting them know you're thinking of them.</p>	<p><b>R 2-Mar</b></p> <p>Read 1 Cor. 9:19-27</p> <p>Decrease clutter in your house and heart. Clean out a cluttered space: a drawer, closet, or room. Let the clean space remind you not to hold onto anger that "clutters" our hearts.</p>	<p><b>F 3-Mar</b></p> <p>Read John 3:34</p> <p>Increase boldness. Tell about one time you told someone about Jesus. If you never have, talk about someone you could share with.</p>	<p><b>S 4-Mar</b></p> <p>Read Ephesians 14-17b, Psalm 100:1-5</p> <p>Spend 5 minutes silently thanking God for anything you can think of. Tell someone about these things. Was it hard to do this for 5 minutes?</p>
<p><b>S 5-Mar</b></p> <p><b>THE LAST SUPPER</b></p> <p>Read Mark 14:12-31</p>	<p><b>M 6-Mar</b></p> <p>Read Mark 14:12-31</p> <p>Jesus knew everything that was going to happen, yet he willingly kept going. Pray about a person or family you can invite to Easter to hear this good news.</p>	<p><b>T 7-Mar</b></p> <p>Read Psalm 51</p> <p>Increase confession. Listen to the song <i>How Can It Be</i> by Lauren Daigle. As you listen, confess your sins and thank God for His mercy &amp; Jesus' sacrifice.</p>	<p><b>W 8-Mar</b></p> <p>Read Luke 23:34</p> <p>Decrease unforgiveness. Think of someone you've hurt in a big or small way. Apologize, ask forgiveness and do something kind for them this week.</p>	<p><b>R 9-Mar</b></p> <p>Read Galatians 5:13</p> <p>Increase generosity. How many times can you say "yes" today? Mom needs dishes help? "Yes." Child wants to play? "Yes." Friend needs help? "Yes." Notice how good a spirit of generosity feels.</p>	<p><b>F 10-Mar</b></p> <p>Read 1 John 1:5-7, John 8:12</p> <p>Decrease the darkness. If possible, put a white cloth or sheet over your table as a reminder that Jesus is the Light of the world.</p>	<p><b>S 11-Mar</b></p> <p>Read Psalm 4:8, Psalm 23</p> <p>Turn off all devices for 30 minutes. No TV, computer, phones, music, etc. Talk about what it was like and what you did in that time. Could this become a new habit?</p>

<p><b>S 12-Mar</b></p> <p><b>THE GARDEN</b></p> <p>Read Mark 14:32-42</p>	<p><b>M 13-Mar</b></p> <p>Read Mark 14:32-39</p> <p>Go outside &amp; bring in something from nature. Make a centerpiece for the table as a reminder of the wonder of God's creation, even in winter.</p>	<p><b>T 14-Mar</b></p> <p>Read Luke 8:1-8, 15</p> <p>Increase time discussing God's Word. Eat seeds or something that has seeds and discuss the parable above.</p>	<p><b>W 15-Mar</b></p> <p>Read 2 Peter 3:8-9</p> <p>Increase awareness of God in time. With a group, start a stopwatch, then say "GO." Everyone says "NOW" when they think it is 1 minute. Who's closest? Talk about God &amp; time.</p>	<p><b>R 16-Mar</b></p> <p>Read 2 Corinthians 1:5</p> <p>Decrease suffering. What do you think "suffering" means? Have you or anyone you know ever suffered?</p>	<p><b>F 17-Mar</b></p> <p>Read Isaiah 12:2</p> <p>Decrease fear. What scares you? In the Middle Ages, soldiers painted their shields w/ what was important to them. Design a shield and talk about God being our strength &amp; shield.</p>	<p><b>S 18-Mar</b></p> <p>Read Isaiah 30:15, Psalm 19:1-4</p> <p>Go outside &amp; take a walk. Leave your devices at home. Listen only to the natural sounds around you.</p>
<p><b>S 19-Mar</b></p> <p><b>THE ARREST</b></p> <p>Read Mark 14:43-52</p>	<p><b>M 20-Mar</b></p> <p>Read Mark 14:43-52, Matthew 26: 14-16</p> <p>Hide 30 silver coins around your house (nickels, dimes, quarters). See how many can be found this week. Talk about the scripture.</p>	<p><b>T 21-Mar</b></p> <p>Read Philippians 3:8-11</p> <p>Increase awareness. Choose a favorite treat to give up today. When you want it, let that remind you to pray and talk to God.</p>	<p><b>W 22-Mar</b></p> <p>Read Philippians 1:29</p> <p>Increase prayer. Go to <a href="https://brandywine.church/connect/missions">https://brandywine.church/connect/missions</a>. Read about some of the missionaries we support &amp; then pray for them.</p>	<p><b>R 23-Mar</b></p> <p>Read Psalm 1</p> <p>Decrease negative influence. Who do you love to spend time with? Is there anyone you spend a lot of time with who isn't a good influence? Discuss how who we spend time w/ matters.</p>	<p><b>F 24-Mar</b></p> <p>Read John 8:31-32</p> <p>Decrease lies. With a group, think of two true statements and one lie about yourself. Who can guess the lie. Discuss the importance of honesty.</p>	<p><b>S 25-Mar</b></p> <p>Read Colossians 3:1-10</p> <p>In a group, read Psalm 145 out loud. Everyone draws, scribbles or colors on a blank page. Share your drawings as a reminder of God's goodness.</p>
<p><b>S 26-Mar</b></p> <p><b>THE DENIAL</b></p> <p>Read Mark 14:66-72</p>	<p><b>M 27-Mar</b></p> <p>Read Mark 14:66-72</p> <p>Talk about why Peter lied. How did he feel after? Jesus knew he was going to do this but loved him anyway.</p>	<p><b>T 28-Mar</b></p> <p>Read Gal. 3:27-4:7</p> <p>Increase knowledge. Draw a simple family tree. How far back can you make it from memory? Discuss how all Christians are children of God – that's a big tree!</p>	<p><b>W 29-Mar</b></p> <p>Read Matthew 28:16-20</p> <p>Decrease timidity. Pour milk on plate (the world). Add drops of food color (the gospel). Dip a Q-tip in dish soap (the Holy Spirit) and touch the milk. God does the work when we share.</p>	<p><b>R 30-Mar</b></p> <p>Read Romans 10:14-15</p> <p>Increase prayer. Make a list of people you know who don't know Jesus and hang it up. Pray for them this week. Can you invite any of them to church on Easter?</p>	<p><b>F 31-Mar</b></p> <p>Read Philippians 2:3-4</p> <p>Increase helpfulness. Secretly do something nice for someone today. Wait and see if they notice and then tell them what you did tomorrow.</p>	<p><b>S 1-Apr</b></p> <p>Read Psalm 66:16-20</p> <p>Have a conversation with a neighbor—at the store, on your street, etc.—and REALLY listen to what is on their mind. Ask questions. Hear what they are saying.</p>
<p><b>S 2-Apr</b></p> <p><b>PALM SUNDAY</b></p> <p>Read Mark 14:53-65 &amp; 15:1-15</p>	<p><b>M 3-Apr</b></p> <p>Read Mark 14:53-65 &amp; 15:1-15</p> <p>Increase time in God's word. Make bookmarks &amp; decorate by drawing branches on them. Use them to mark the verses for the rest of the week.</p>	<p><b>T 4-Apr</b></p> <p>Read Psalm 27</p> <p>Decrease fear. What is something that scares you? Talk about how God is bigger and pray about it together.</p>	<p><b>W 5-Apr</b></p> <p>Read Romans 5:1-5</p> <p>Increase trust. Play the trust game – 1 person falls back while another catches them. Do you trust them to catch you? Why or why not? We can always trust God!</p>	<p><b>R 6-Apr</b></p> <p>Read Exodus 12:1-13, John 1:29</p> <p>Increase knowledge. Discuss how Passover teaches us about Jesus. The Lamb had to die and His blood saved the people.</p>	<p><b>F 7-Apr</b></p> <p>Read Mark 15</p> <p>Increase family Bible reading time. Use Legos, playdough, or markers and construct or draw a cross while listening to Mark 15.</p>	<p><b>S 8-Apr</b></p> <p>Read Psalm 8</p> <p>Make Resurrection Rolls to eat tomorrow morning.</p> <p><a href="https://lilluna.com/resurrection-rolls/">https://lilluna.com/resurrection-rolls/</a></p>

Sunday, April 9: EASTER SUNDAY THE EMPTY TOMB Read Mark 16:1-8