



A Lenten Journey - Year C - 2010 "By the Spirit We Do Travel"

Devotional Guide- During Lent please find the time to read through the chosen lectionary readings through the 8 weeks of Lent. Give yourself this gift

by allowing the spirit of God's living word to speak your soul. Lent is the time to look in and renew ourselves. These scriptures are selected texts that will be used in the Celebration Worship Services and the Mission Worship Services, throughout the Lenten Season. Please take the opportunity by gathering your family or just sitting quietly reading these weekly scripture texts. Prayerfully read through the passage, reflect on key words, what is God saying through those words, what is God calling you to be and do. Join your church family in meditation and praying through Lent.

Week One

February 17 -- Ash Wednesday

- Old Testament - [Joel 2:1-2, 12-17](#)
- Baptism: John Forcone
- Prayer Walk
- Imposition Of Ashes

Prayer - Gracious God, in this season of Lent give us courage to seek those who do not have all that we do. As we reflect on the sacrifices Christ made for us, show us the sacrifices we can make so that everyone can see the light of your goodness and feel the warmth of your presence. Amen.



February 21 – First Sunday of Lent

- Old Testament: [Deuteronomy 26: 4-10](#); [Romans 10:8-13](#)
- Gospel: [Luke 4:1-13](#)

Prayer - God of forgiveness, we sometimes get things wrong and hurt others by our thoughts, our words and our actions. At other times we are hurt by the way we are treated. As Lent begins, you call us to put right anything that is wrong and to forgive others too. Help us, Lord, to live simply and so to make things better. Amen.

Week Two

February 28 – Second Sunday of Lent

- Old Testament: [Psalm 27: 1, 4-9](#); [Philippians 3:17; 4:1](#)
- Gospel: [Luke 13:31-35](#)

Prayer - Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.



Week Three

March 7 - Third Sunday of Lent

- Old Testament: [Isaiah 55:1-6](#); [1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12](#)
- Gospel: [Luke 13: 1-9](#)

Prayer - Gracious and giving God, you provide for all our needs. It is in our sinfulness that we often omit sharing that bounty with others. Help us to be aware that we can make do with a little less so that others may also have enough. Help us to share more freely so that the pain of those suffering from hunger may be lessened. Guide us to think more justly in all that we do. We ask these things through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You forever and ever. Amen.

Haiti Earthquake



Streets of Akron



Week Four

March 14 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

- Old Testament: [Psalm 32: 1-6](#)
- Gospel: [2 Corinthians 5:17](#)

Prayer - *Gracious God, you are truly compassionate to all your children, for you remember that we are but dust. So fill us with your love, that, rising above our weaknesses, we may always remain true to Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

Week Five

March 21-Fifth Sunday Of Lent

- Old Testament: [Isaiah 43:18-22;25](#)
- Gospel: [John 12: 1-8](#)

Prayer - *Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



Week Six

March 28 - Palm Sunday - One Service

- Old Testament: [Psalm 118:1-2;14-20](#)
- Gospel: [Luke 19:28-40](#)

Prayer - Good Lord, we are like the people who welcomed you to Jerusalem, we are happy to be with you when things are going well and inclined to run away when the going is tough: Lord have mercy. Sometimes we are even ashamed to confess that we know you: Christ have mercy. We know that you are a special friend to people who are poor, or hungry or sick, but we do not always love your friends: Lord have mercy

**So let us confidently approach
the throne of grace to receive mercy
and to find grace for timely help.
*Hebrews 4:16***