

March 2018

DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR

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The March prayers have been written by Care Ministries.

The Upper Room, a daily devotional guide for United Methodists, provides a devotional reading for each of the days of March that goes with each of the Scripture readings and prayers on this month's prayer calendar. The devotional for each day will enrich your quiet time with the Lord in the month of March.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>PRAYER WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE...</i></p> <p><i>PRAY ANYTIME, ANYWHERE!</i></p>				<p>1 <i>Exodus 4:10-17</i> Like Moses, dear God, we sometimes feel inadequate representing you. We feel someone else could do a better job. But just as you said to Moses that you were there to back him up, you are also there to back us up. However, we must be willing to listen and trust you.</p>	<p>2 <i>Matthew 10:1-9</i> Loving God, many years ago you called out your disciples to spread your word among all nations. Today it is our responsibility to continue that mission. Since you have blessed us so much, give us the spirit we need to go out and bless others.</p>	<p>3 <i>1 Samuel 16:1-13</i> Dear Father, thank you for reminding us through Samuel's words that you see the inside of us and are the only one who can judge us. Help us to work on improving our heart's attitude and develop our inner character rather than focusing on our outer appearance.</p>
<p>4 <i>Ephesians 4:17-31</i> Dear God, Paul has sent a challenge to us to remind us of what it means to be a Christian: to renew our vows to our church, to others and to you, by being made new in the attitude of our minds.</p>	<p>5 <i>Mark 1:9-20</i> Lord, as Christians, all of us are called upon to serve Christ just as Jesus called Simon, Andrew, James and John to be his disciples. Help us heed that call to discipleship to the highest limit of our capabilities. We each have gifts and talents. Help us to identify and use these to help us serve as Christ's disciples.</p>	<p>6 <i>Matthew 18:10-15</i> Gracious and loving God, you love each and every one of us unconditionally. Help us to show that same love to others, especially to the little children, through our example.</p>	<p>7 <i>Psalms 150:1-6</i> Dear God, you are so very great! We are forever in your debt for all that you give us. In spite of our limited understanding of your powers and strengths, we are grateful that you are a God of kindness and forgiveness, and that we exist in your world. Thank you, God, for all of this and help us serve you and love you as you love us.</p>	<p>8 <i>John 14:1-12</i> Dear Jesus, we know who you are. We understand that you are the gatekeeper to God's house, and that you have prepared room for each of us. We know you, Jesus, for your works on this earth while you were with us. We know also that we must follow your words and your works to enter into the place that you have prepared for us. Help us meet your standards for entry.</p>	<p>9 <i>Psalms 121:1-6</i> God, I look at a sunrise or sunset, and I marvel that your love never sleeps. You care for me day and night. You're my constant help. I gaze at a high mountain and know that you are mighty. You are my help in time of need.</p>	<p>10 <i>James 1:22-27</i> Lord, You teach us that real faith is much more than mere words alone. Help us to listen to Your word and obey. Help us to not merely "talk the talk" but rather to "walk the walk" you ask of us. We know we can do this by persevering in our faith.</p>
<p>11 <i>Psalms 46:1-11</i> Thank you Father for your word which reminds us if we will just be still and turn to you, remembering you are God and we are not, help is available whether it's a sleepless night, a painful situation, or a loss that has come our way.</p>	<p>12 <i>Matthew 25:35-40</i> God, help us understand when we see those who have no home, clothes, food, or way to make a living, that we may be in the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Help us understand our job isn't to judge, but to help provide them with what they need. Help us understand we are trustees, not owners, of the resources you have given us.</p>	<p>13 <i>Psalms 139:1-6</i> Lord, you know me inside and out. You even know my thoughts. Most days I struggle at living my life totally for you. Help me so that my actions and my words are pleasing to you.</p>	<p>14 <i>Matthew 11:28-30</i> Jesus, I hear you calling me. You take on all my troubles and carry them away. All I have to do is call on you. I want to lay down at your feet and feel your loving peace. I am constantly amazed by your grace.</p>	<p>15 <i>Psalms 1:1-6</i> Lord, we long to be righteous. We delight in your word and want to be fruitful and prosper for you. Please keep us conscious of our actions so that we are not ungodly or scornful, but delight in your word and follow your instruction to be righteous in your sight.</p>	<p>16 <i>2 Timothy 3:14-17</i> Father, we thank you for the instruction and inspiration you provide through your word. We thank you for this instruction to live righteously and provide good works for your kingdom.</p>	<p>17 <i>Romans 5:1-8</i> Father God, it is through my intimate prayer time with you my soul finds strength, satisfaction, and peace in relationship with Jesus Christ. In your grace, I learn passionate patience. Holy Spirit, thank you for pouring immeasurable blessings over me. O God, full of love and surprises.</p>
<p>18 <i>Mark 15:22-32</i> Father, we can hardly wrap our minds around a love so great that you sacrificed your only son, our Lord and Savior, to save us and give us eternal life. Are we no different from his followers and the chief priests who mocked him, telling him to save himself? Help us follow you, not the crowd, as we reflect on the gift of your son during this Lenten season.</p>	<p>19 <i>James 3:3-12</i> Father God, gossiping, bragging, exaggerating, complaining, lying—these are what you teach us not to do. Yet often we do exactly those things. We need to listen to your spirit working in our hearts. Help us to ask ourselves if what we are wanting to say is true, necessary and kind.</p>	<p>20 <i>Exodus 13:17-22</i> Just as you led the Israelites out of Egypt, Lord, guiding them in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire at night, you light our path and go with us to show us your way. Why then, do we often wander off into the darkness, struggling to find our way? Though we often wander aimlessly, you never leave our side. Thank you for your steadfast love.</p>	<p>21 <i>2 Kings 6:8-17</i> When God feels far away, don't despair. He is actually just as close as the times when you sense his presence. Ask God to open your eyes to his invisible work in your life. Trust that he is working in ways you might not be able to see.</p>	<p>22 <i>Ecclesiastes 3:9-14</i> Dear God, we give you thanks for giving us the capacity to work and to enjoy the fruits of our labors in the form of food, drink and other forms of moral enjoyment. While those things are the result of our efforts, we know it is you who provided the work- and the joys of life that come from it - for us to enjoy. Thank you for these gifts.</p>	<p>23 <i>Psalms 147:4-11</i> God, your creativity and your powers are awe inspiring. The majesty and the world around us is amazing, and we know it is you who created all of it. Your knowledge and your power are so great that they are sometimes hard to comprehend. Thank you, God, for all you give us.</p>	<p>24 <i>Numbers 11:10-23</i> How powerful you are, dear God. You are powerful enough to provide meat for 600,000 people who were following Moses to the Promised Land. Unlike our ancestors, help us to be grateful for what you give us. Help us to be mindful that you can do anything conceivable. Unlike those being led from Egypt, we are grateful for all you provide us.</p>
<p>25 <i>John 15:12-13</i> Lord, thank you for teaching us about love and its importance. The fact that you laid down your life for us is testament to your love for us. Lord, we know that your sacrifice for us is an amazing gift of self-sacrifice. Help us be prepared to love others just as you have loved us.</p>	<p>26 <i>Philippians 1:3-11</i> Lord Jesus, as we read the words of the Apostle Paul as he thanks the Philippians for their love and sacrifice in your name, help us to be equally grateful for such overwhelming love. Help provide us understanding of your words and commands so that when you come, our actions will justify your approval for our entry into the Kingdom.</p>	<p>27 <i>Matthew 6:25-34</i> God, we come to you with many things that trouble us. Thank you for your protection and strength. Cover us in a warm, comforting blanket, and ease our worried hearts.</p>	<p>28 <i>1 Kings 19:1-9</i> Lord Jesus, we have had both mountaintop and deep valley life experiences. Remind us that you are with us in every phase of our lives. We are never alone. You remind us in the still small voice. Help us to recognize the messages and angels you send our way.</p>	<p>29 <i>John 3:16-21</i> Father God, sometimes it is very difficult to understand the depth and breadth of your love for us. It amazes me to know you sent your only begotten son to live the human experience so we can know you. I pray to know your way, truth, and love more and more.</p>	<p>30 <i>Luke 23:32-43</i> Almighty God, sometimes I feel like one of the women standing with Mary, close to the cross when Jesus was being crucified. Our hearts are breaking with yours as we see his agony and deep love for us. Teach me to love like this.</p>	<p>31 <i>Matthew 27:45-56</i> Jesus, Son of God, you have given everything for me. I want to know you more. How do I let down my guard, put away any false beliefs, and open myself to you? Help me to go deep in my relationship with you. Hold me close, let your love surround me.</p>