

THE CAMEL ALLEN CHURCHES

A PRAYER A DAY IN LENT 2021 – WEEK 3

Take a quiet moment each day to pray, reflect and listen to God

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

***Faith is not about everything turning out OK:
faith is about being OK no matter how things turn out.***

WEDNESDAY 3RD MARCH

Your forgiveness is total
no notebook
tape recorder
or post-it note
to remind you of that moment
when...
You take our confession
offered with hands outstretched and gently
like the loving
heavenly Father that you are
put it to one side
to be forgotten
grudges, no itching for judgement
No resentment or ill-will
Not like us
who find it easy to say sorry
but so hard to forgive
absolutely



Forgive us, Father
that we are often more willing
to accept forgiveness
than to forgive
More willing to accept your love
than to share it with those
who have hurt us.
Teach us to forgive
As you forgive

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THURSDAY 4TH MARCH

Lord, each new morning is a gift from you.
Thank you for the chance to put past mistakes behind
and make a fresh start.
Thank you for the opportunity to try again.

Help me to seize those moments
when I can offer a helping hand
or a listening ear.
Help me make today a good day for my family,
my friends and my community.

From 'Prayers and Blessings for the morning'.

FRIDAY 5TH MARCH

Eternal One,
Silence - from whom my words come;
Questioner - from whom my questions arise;
Lover - of whom all my loves are hints;
Disturber - in whom alone I find my rest;
Mystery - in whose depths I find healing and myself;
enfold me now in your presence;



restore to me your peace;
renew me through your power;
and ground me in your grace.

Ted Loder 'Guerillas of Grace'

SATURDAY 6TH MARCH

Gracious God,
deliver me from all that separates me from you and others
and so help me in turn to break down barriers
and to promote the harmony you desire
for all people and all creation,
through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all.

based on Mt 5:9 Nick Fawcett 'Daily Lent Reflections'

SUNDAY 7TH MARCH

Sovereign God,
illumine my mind,
blaze in my heart,
sparkle in my spirit
and shine through my life,
so that others may glorify your name
and rejoice in your goodness,
through Jesus Christ my Lord.

based on Mt 5; 13-16 Nick Fawcett 'Daily Lent Reflections'

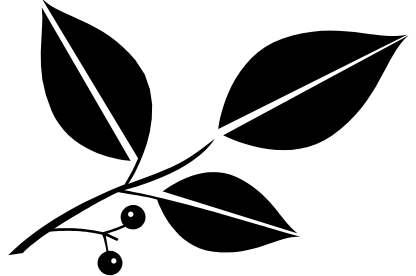
MONDAY 8TH MARCH

Gentle me, Holy One,
into an unclenched moment,
a deep breath,
a letting go



of heavy expectancies,
of shrivelling anxieties,
of dead certainties,
that, softened by the silence,
surrounded by the light,
and open to the mystery,
I may be found by wholeness,
upheld by the unfathomable,
entranced by the simple,
and filled with the joy,
that is you.

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TUESDAY 9TH MARCH

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope
and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer from the New Zealand Prayer Book