

March 2010

DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR

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The March prayers have been written by those involved in 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.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>1 <i>2 Timothy 4:1-7</i> Lord God, our judge and redeemer, help me to be faithful to your true word. Guide me to live my life as your disciple. Then when the time comes, in the words of Paul I can say, "I have finished the race and I have remained faithful."</p>	<p>2 <i>John 14:8-12</i> Oh, God, help me to be Jesus' hands and feet on earth. Let the words I speak and my every action show that I am a follower of Jesus Christ. In the words of an old song, "Let them know I'm a Christian by my love."</p>	<p>3 <i>Galatians 6:1-10</i> Father, as we feel your presence within us and see you moving in our affairs, as we feel our hearts flooding with gratitude for what you have done for us, remind us to reach out to others with the "God-ness" within us.</p>	<p>4 <i>Matthew 6:5-15</i> Most Holy God, sometimes I feel so unworthy to offer a prayer to you. Help me to realize that you already know the desires of my heart and that you love me just as I am. Give me courage to make you my sounding board every moment of every day.</p>	<p>5 <i>James 4:13-16</i> Lord, help me to remember that it is not my will, but thy will. Reveal your plan for me and help me to make it my life's goal to accomplish that plan. Let no boastful words come from my mouth, for it is only through you that all things are possible.</p>	<p>6 <i>Psalms 92:12-15</i> Father, thank you for allowing us, by faith, to be planted firmly in the House of the Lord. Troubling times like these pale in the knowledge that our path to salvation is cleared by the perfect love you have for us. We ask that we may continue to live on the rock of your truth.</p>
<p>7 <i>Romans 5:12-19</i> Lord, sometimes I'm baffled that Adam and Eve had everything they needed, but still wanted what was forbidden. But then I think of myself, and I'm not surprised any more. I'm sorry for wanting what is bad for me. Heal and forgive me.</p>	<p>8 <i>Acts 12:1-11</i> Thank you, Lord, for your Word and the exemplary lives of the early Christians. Help us to be steadfast in our prayers for peace and understanding in our world today. Our mission is to reach out to others with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.</p>	<p>9 <i>1 Thessalonians 4:13-18</i> What a comfort to know that those I love who have passed on will be with me again. It floods my soul with hope as I journey through the valley of grief. Your abiding presence and continual provision for my needs allows me to confidently rest in your healing arms.</p>	<p>10 <i>Hebrews 11:1-13</i> I am grateful for all the testimonies of faith provided in your Word. I am even more amazed at the witness of faith in my own life. You have expanded and confirmed my faith as we have walked together all these years, with changes so subtle they are only visible in reflection.</p>	<p>11 <i>Matthew 16:21-26</i> We pray that we may have the strength to live our lives by the example of Jesus Christ, who, when struggling with temptation, said, "Get thee behind me Satan!" Let us look toward the light, knowing that our place in your kingdom is secure if we can only echo his word.</p>	<p>12 <i>Luke 10:25-37</i> Gracious Lord, as you have taught us, may we journey on life's road showing love and compassion to those less fortunate. Help us replace anger with kindness and consideration, and help us remove judgmental thoughts against those with whom we differ.</p>	<p>13 <i>Mark 6:30-44</i> Lord, we see by your Word that you are able to multiply the meager resources that are available to you to meet the needs of the hungry and hurting. As we go through life may we willingly and compassionately give of that which we have to meet the needs of those around us.</p>
<p>14 <i>Mark 11:17-27</i> When we are faced with situations that seem hopeless, dear Lord, remind us that with you nothing is impossible because you are the resurrection and the life. Help us to put our complete trust in you that we may see your wondrous works just as Martha did.</p>	<p>15 <i>2 Chronicles 7:12-18</i> Our Father, you have given us your remedy for times of distress and hardship. Help us to heed your call to turn to you in repentance and true faith, believing that you will hear our prayers, forgive our sins, and heal our land.</p>	<p>16 <i>Psalms 139:1-162</i> O Lord, there are times when we doubt that you know us. When bad times come, we wonder. When good times come, we forget. Your Word tells us that you are always present and that you are sovereign. Thank you for knowing us and always surrounding us with your love.</p>	<p>17 <i>John 9:1-11</i> Father, teach us, whose eyes are opened and whose hearts are cleansed by grace, to enjoy living to your glory. We share and tell of your grace to all who desire the same salvation. The Spirit is like the wind; we hear the sound, but cannot tell from where it comes, nor where it goes.</p>	<p>18 <i>Isaiah 43:22-25</i> Lord, I confess I do not always acknowledge your loving and forgiving presence in my life. Sometimes I downright ignore you and pursue the ways of the world. I even neglect to honor you. Thank you for forgiving my sins and bringing me back to you time and time again.</p>	<p>19 <i>John 4:5-42</i> Deep within us, dear Lord, is a thirst for meaning, love and forgiveness. You are the source of living water that can quench that thirst. Today, Lord, we come to you with open hearts and minds fully expecting you to satisfy our deepest longings and needs.</p>	<p>20 <i>Psalms 18:30-36</i> How wonderful it is, O God, to know that we can depend on you to guide us, protect us, and make us strong. Even though the way ahead is unknown to us, we trust you to be with us to lead the way to life abundant and life eternal.</p>
<p>21 <i>John 17:6-26</i> Our Father, we praise you for revealing yourself to us through your son, Jesus. We are so thankful that Jesus cares for us, claims us, and intercedes for us. We eagerly look forward to the unity that Jesus prayed for and the glory that awaits us in your eternal home.</p>	<p>22 <i>Psalms 40:1-17</i> Father God, help me to remember that your love and truth are all that keeps me together. There is power enough in you to help the weakest, and grace enough for those who feel unworthy. I trust in you and wait patiently for your answer.</p>	<p>23 <i>Colossians 3:15-17</i> Father, we are called to hide your word in our hearts and to thank and praise you, for you are the maker and creator of all that we are and all that we have. Help us remember that you are our source of life, joy and peace. Help us to always place you first so all else falls into place.</p>	<p>24 <i>Ephesians 4:1-6</i> Thank you, Lord, for allowing us to serve you with all our hearts and souls. Keeping you at the forefront of all our daily tasks allows us to be humble, gentle, and patient with each other. Through you, Lord, we find peace with each other and hope for the future.</p>	<p>25 <i>Luke 1:26-55</i> Today, dear Lord, the words "don't be afraid", spoken to Mary by the angel, ring true for each of us. Whatever you have in store for me today, may I not be afraid and be confident like Mary, knowing that with you all things work together for our good.</p>	<p>26 <i>Mark 4:35-41</i> Sometimes the winds and waves of doubt and despair beat against us with frightening effect. Lord, remind us that you understand and care about our well-being and are always near to calm the storms of life. Renew and strengthen our trust in you today.</p>	<p>27 <i>1 John 4:7-14</i> Loving God, I thank you that you loved us first, so that we may live in love. Our faith is grounded in the witness you gave us in the life and death of your son, Jesus Christ. May we show our love for you as we love one another.</p>
<p>28 <i>Mark 15:15-37</i> Dear Lord, I stand amazed at your willingness to suffer not only physical pain, but mockery, rejection, and death; and that you endured this suffering because of your love for me and all humanity. Today Lord, I bow in humility and acknowledge that I owe a debt of love to you.</p>	<p>29 <i>Matthew 26:6-13</i> What a beautiful thing Mary did, anointing you with an expensive perfume before your crucifixion. Considering your sacrificial love for us, may we find creative ways to do beautiful things for others, knowing that as we have done it to one of the least, we have done it to you.</p>	<p>30 <i>John 3:1-8</i> Like Nicodemus we sometimes try to figure you out intellectually, or try to work our way into your kingdom by our own efforts. You have taught us that the only way we can really know you or enter your kingdom is by being born anew. We pray for that rebirth to take place in us.</p>	<p>31 <i>Psalms 103:8-12</i> Truly Lord, you do not treat us as our sins deserve, but you treat us as a kind and compassionate father would, forgiving our sins and removing our transgressions from us. We love you, Lord, and praise you for saving us and watching over us in love.</p>	<p>PRAYER WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE...</p> <p>PRAY ANYTIME. ANYWHERE!</p>		