

OUR BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?



These promises are made as part of The Baptismal Covenant, found in The Book of Common Prayer, pages 304-305.

WORD OF THE WEEK: PEACE



A SEASON OF PRAYER: 40 DAYS IN THE DESERT



WEEK 3

Exile, hospitality, and migration are recurrent themes in the Bible and throughout the history of the church. As we grapple with these issues as Christians, we invite you to make these prayers and scriptural passages part of your Lenten devotions. May they help guide your Lenten journey and help us find in Christ our Promised Land.

Starting on Ash Wednesday and continuing through each day of Lent, we offer a prayer or psalm from *The Book of Common Prayer* or a passage from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. You can find these prayers and scriptures, along with additional resources, at ForwardMovement.org/SeasonOfPrayer. We invite you to follow Forward Movement on Facebook and share these Lenten resources with friends, in person and online.

PRAYERS AND SCRIPTURES FOR WEEK 3

Monday, March 13

**Pray for those who
influence public opinion**

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Tuesday, March 14

Pray for travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Wednesday, March 15

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Thursday, March 16

Prayers of the People, Form V

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Friday, March 17

Matthew 2:13-15

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

Saturday, March 18

**Collect for the
Feast of Saint Joseph**

O God, who from the family of your servant David raised up Joseph to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and the spouse of his virgin mother: Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to your commands; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, March 19

Watch

Sowdo's Story. Sowdo was a reporter in her native Somalia, but because of her condition as a woman, she received threats and saw colleagues killed. In Columbus, Ohio, she found a network of people who "opened their homes and their hearts." Watch this video at <https://vimeo.com/96908507>.