

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: COMPASSION

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A SEASON OF PRAYER: 40 DAYS IN THE DESERT



WEEK 6

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 6

Monday, April 3

Pray for the unemployed

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Tuesday, April 4

Pray for families

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who settest the solitary in families: We commend to thy continual care the homes in which thy people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech thee, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly affectioned one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Wednesday, April 5

Pray for courts of justice

Almighty God, who sittest in the throne judging right: We humbly beseech thee to bless the courts of justice and the magistrates in all this land; and give unto them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that they may discern the truth, and impartially administer the law in the fear of thee alone; through him who shall come to be our Judge, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Thursday, April 6

Pray for social justice

Almighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with

oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Friday, April 7

Matthew 25:37-40

Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Saturday, April 8

Pray for sound government

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. Lord, keep this nation under your care. To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties. *Amen.*

Sunday, April 9

Watch

Sergio's Story. Sergio Plecas was a teenager when civil war broke his country apart and sent him fleeing from refugee camp to refugee camp alongside his mother. An opportunity to resettle in the United States took the pair to Chattanooga, Tennessee, where 10 years later Sergio's found his version of the American dream, thanks in part to a helping hand from the local Episcopal Migration Ministries' affiliate. Watch this video at <https://vimeo.com/69176632>.