

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: LOVE

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A SEASON OF PRAYER: 40 DAYS IN THE DESERT



WEEK 2

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 2

Monday, March 6

Hebrews 13:1-3

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

Tuesday, March 7 **Pray for peace among the nations**

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Wednesday, March 8 **Pray for social justice**

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart [and especially the hearts of the people of this land], that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Thursday, March 9 **Deuteronomy 24:14-15**

You shall not withhold the wages of poor and needy laborers, whether other Israelites or aliens who reside in your land in one of your towns. You shall pay them their wages daily before sunset, because they are poor and their livelihood depends on them; otherwise they might cry to the LORD against you, and you would incur guilt.

Friday, March 10

Pray for agriculture

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life: Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saturday, March 11

Pray for prisons and correctional institutions

Lord Jesus, for our sake you were condemned as a criminal: Visit our jails and prisons with your pity and judgment. Remember all prisoners, and bring the guilty to repentance and amendment of life according to your will, and give them hope for their future. When any are held unjustly, bring them release; forgive us, and teach us to improve our justice. Remember those who work in these institutions; keep them humane and compassionate; and save them from becoming brutal or callous. And since what we do for those in prison, O Lord, we do for you, constrain us to improve their lot. All this we ask for your mercy's sake. *Amen.*

Sunday, March 12

Watch

Supporting Refugee Students. Episcopal Migration Ministries' local partners at Interfaith Refugee Ministry are working with the district in New Bern, North Carolina, to help refugee youth succeed in school. The Refugee School Impact program benefits students, parents, and school districts in many communities around the U.S. The experience of one fourth grader and her family shows the transformative impact the program is having. Watch this video at <https://vimeo.com/39661884>.