

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: NEIGHBOR

γείτονας granne
neighbor naaste
nabo neeg सोसेद
nyob पड़ोसी vicino
ze الجيران КОМШИЈЕ voisin
隣人 鄰居 Nachbar
tus vecino
השכן comharsa
kaimiņš

A SEASON OF PRAYER: 40 DAYS IN THE DESERT



WEEK 5

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 5

Monday, March 27

Pray for the President of the United States and all in civil authority

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State (or Commonwealth), and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Tuesday, March 28

Leviticus 19:33-34

When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

Wednesday, March 29

Pray for the oppressed

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Thursday, March 30

Romans 12:9-13

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Friday, March 31

Pray for Congress or a State Legislature

O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious, and whose law is truth: We beseech you so to guide and bless our Senators and Representatives in Congress assembled (or in the Legislature of this State, or Commonwealth), that they may enact such laws as shall please you, to the glory of your Name and the welfare of this people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saturday, April 1

Pray for the poor and the neglected

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Sunday, April 2

Watch

Wahab's Story. Abdulwahab Alabid came to the United States after he was forced to flee Iraq where his job for a U.S. government contractor led to threats against his family. "Nobody wants to flee his country," Wahab notes, but the family is making the most of the freedom, safety and welcome they've found in the U.S. Watch this video at <https://vimeo.com/69176633>.