



Daily Lenten Meditations Scriptures and Prayers for March 27-April 1, 2017 (Prepared by Rev. Karen Nyhart)

Monday, March 27

Scripture Verses: Luke 7:36-48

A Sinful Woman Forgiven

“One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee’s house and took his place at the table. ³⁷ And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸ She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.” ⁴⁰ Jesus spoke up and said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” “Teacher,” he replied, “speak.” ⁴¹ “A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?” ⁴³ Simon answered, “I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt.” And Jesus said to him, “You have judged rightly.” ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.” ⁴⁸ Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

Prayer:

Lord, open my heart today, to feel the power of your extravagant love for me. Help me to be free of my fears and prejudices so that I may see your love in action in the lives of others. Comfort and calm my spirit so I too may serve you in all I do. Amen.

Tuesday, March 28

Scripture Verse: Psalm 103:8-13

“The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.”

Prayer:

Lord, thank you for your abounding steadfast love. Give me compassion and humility in my heart. Let me be kind, gentle, generous, loving, giving and forgiving wherever I may go. Amen.

Wednesday, March 29

Scripture Verse: Colossians 3:12-13

“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.”

Prayer:

Lord, open my heart today to hear your words of compassionate justice that I may focus on the ways in which you intend me to live and be of service to you by serving the world. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Thursday, March 30

Scripture Verse: Luke 17:3-4

“Be on your guard! If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. ⁴ And if the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive.”

Prayer:

Lord, it is hard to forgive those that seem to wrong me over and over again. There are times I want to retaliate and lash out, but you call me to always forgive. Help me to forgive just as much as you have forgiven me. May I always let your love shine through. Amen.

Friday, March 31

Scripture Verse: Matthew 6:11-15

“Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

Prayer:

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.

Saturday, April 1

Scripture Verse: Ephesians 4:31-32

“Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice,³² and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.”

Prayer:

God, if you kept a record of my sins, I would fall.
I come before you with my brokenness and my wounds.
I bring my anger, my bitterness, my unwholesome talk, and my deceitfulness.
Forgive me. I try to do good, but sometimes fail.
Keep your promise to forgive me Lord for without you, I have no hope. Amen.