

40 Days 40 Prayers 40 Words

Thursday, March 14 IMITATION

Who do you admire? What do you want to be when you grow up? These are important questions that help us learn how to be good human beings by modeling other good human beings, and then doing what they do. While imitation can be the highest form of flattery, it can also be the ways we perpetuate the best of human expression in the world. I know that I am formed by those who model God's hopes in the world. Take a look around you. Who do you imitate?

Friday, March 15 WORRY

There is so much that can go wrong that all I can do is worry: about money, about work, about family, about friends, about everything.

God, do not let worry consume my soul; rather, allow me to let go so that I may find calm and peace. Amen

Saturday, March 16 FAITH

God's grace is not extended to us because of what we have achieved, what we say, or what we have done. Too often we do unto others the exact opposite of what we are promised by God: love, grace, and presence regardless of what is offered in return. We must do our best to extend grace, love, and presence freely to others!

Sunday, March 17 MIRACLES

Our view of the world is blurred by violence, hunger, poverty, exclusion, and hatred. God, when I forget that this is not what You hope for the world, let Your works come crashing into view: Your beauty, Your peace, Your comfort, Your justice, Your love. Amen.

Monday, March 18 DOORS

Lord, help us to remember that doors are important. They can secure privacy, they can be opened to welcome others in, or they can be closed to keep someone out. Sometimes a closed door protects us from changing our path in life, even though we do not understand at the time why we don't get a job, or why an opportunity of a lifetime is given to someone else. We place our trust in You, O God. Amen.

Tuesday, March 19 PURPOSE

God, sometimes we feel lost. We wander, we search. Help us to find meaning and to know our purpose. Help us to find belonging and to hear a calling. And let none of these things be driven by my wants or needs, but by Your hopes and intentions for us. Amen.

See you Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. for Lenten service.
The word for March 20 is LISTENING.