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A LENT JOURNEY OF RENEWAL

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Lent is an invitation from God to return home, not to a physical place or strict rules, but to the heart where your soul finds peace, healing, and renewed life. In simple terms, Lent is the forty days (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter, when Christians slow down to prepare their hearts for the hope of resurrection. It's a season of reflection, prayer, and renewal. People often think Lent is only about giving something up, but it's about making space for God to do something new in us.

In a world that emphasizes performance, conceals vulnerability, and values nonstop activity, Lent serves as a reminder that we are more than our mistakes, achievements, or façades. This season invites us to reconnect with God sincerely, encouraging us to slow down and recognize His presence in our daily lives. It reminds us that grace outweighs guilt, love defeats fear, and resurrection is not only a historical event but something God wants to bring alive within us today.

Over these forty days, you're invited to leave chaos and distractions behind and spend time with the One who understands and loves you deeply. Each day offers Scripture, a short reflection, and a small next step. It's not about being perfect but about being present each day and realizing that the abundant life Jesus promises is nearer than you might imagine.

Take a deep breath, open your heart, and begin this journey. Lent isn't just about giving things up; it's about making space for what truly matters. God invites you to come alive once more.

DAY 1

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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ASH WEDNESDAY

Joel 2:12-13

Even now - this is the Lord's declaration - turn to me with all your heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning. Tear your hearts, not just your clothes, and return to the Lord your God. For he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in faithful love, and he relents from sending disaster.

REFLECTION: Lent begins with God's invitation to return to Him with our whole hearts. He doesn't ask for a polished version of us but for honesty and sincerity.

God reminds us that His grace is bigger than our mistakes and His love is deeper than our wanderings. Coming awake to His presence starts with simply turning toward Him again.

You don't need to prove anything—just open your heart and come home.

NEXT STEP: Write one area of your life where you want to return to God.

DAY 2

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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Psalm 139:23-24

*Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know
my concerns. See if there is any offensive way in me;
lead me in the everlasting way.*

REFLECTION: God knows us better than we know ourselves. He sees what is hidden in our hearts and gently leads us back to life when we stray. This isn't about judgment but about love—about a Father who wants to guide us toward wholeness.

Awakening to God means letting Him search us, not so He can condemn us, but so He can heal and shape us into who we're meant to be.

NEXT STEP: Pray: "God, show me what needs to change in me."

DAY 3

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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Romans 13:11

Besides this, since you know the time, it is already the hour for you to wake up from sleep, because now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

REFLECTION: Paul reminds us that now is the time to wake up. It's easy to drift through life, distracted by routines, worries, or ambitions, without really noticing God's presence.

Lent is a chance to stop sleepwalking through faith. God's call is urgent but hopeful: it's time to live fully awake, fully present, and fully alive in Him.

NEXT STEP: Take a 5-minute walk outside and notice signs of life around you.

DAY 4

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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Ephesians 5:14

For what makes everything visible is light. Therefore, it is said: Get up, sleeper, and rise up from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

REFLECTION: Jesus calls us to rise from our spiritual sleep and live in His light. Too often, we accept darkness as normal—busyness, fear, or guilt keep us stuck. But His voice wakes us up to new possibilities.

The light of Christ doesn't just expose; it also warms and guides. To wake up is to realize that God is already here, ready to walk with us today.

NEXT STEP: Begin each day this week with, *"Lord, awaken me to Your presence."*



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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Ephesians 5:14

*Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ
will shine on you.*

REFLECTION: Paul's words are a wake-up call for the soul. It's easy to drift through life distracted or spiritually sleepy, but God's light is already shining.

To "come awake" means noticing His presence in your daily life—the kindness, peace, and quiet nudges of grace that remind you He's near.

The life you long for begins the moment you open your eyes to God's presence right where you are.

NEXT STEP: Set aside 5 minutes each morning this week to pause, breathe deeply, and pray, *"Lord, awaken me to Your presence today."*

DAY 5

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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Isaiah 60:1

*Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the
Lord shines over you.*

REFLECTION: God's light has already dawned, and it is shining over you. Sometimes we wait for the "right moment" to change or for things to get better before we step forward. But God is saying, "*Rise, now. My light is already here.*"

Living awake means trusting that the light of Christ is brighter than any shadow you face.

NEXT STEP: Share one encouragement with someone who feels weary.

DAY 6

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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Mark 1:35

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he got up, went out, and made his way to a deserted place; and there he was praying.

REFLECTION: Even Jesus needed time alone with His Father. He woke up early to pray, creating space before the demands of the day crowded in. If Jesus needed time with God, how much more do we?

Waking up spiritually is less about adding another task and more about making room to be still, to breathe, and to listen.

NEXT STEP: Set your alarm 10 minutes earlier to pray.

DAY 7

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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Psalm 118:24

*This is the day the Lord has made; let's rejoice
and be glad in it.*

REFLECTION: Every day is a gift from God. To be awake is to live gratefully, noticing the blessings already around you.

Gratitude shifts our focus from what's missing to what's present, from worry to wonder. When we choose gratitude, we learn to see each day as an opportunity to live with joy and hope.

NEXT STEP: List 3 things you're thankful for today.

DAY 8

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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Psalm 51:10

God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

REFLECTION: David prayed for God to create in him a clean heart, not just to erase guilt but to make him new. That's the beauty of grace: it doesn't stop at forgiveness—it transforms us. We don't have to carry shame into tomorrow.

God delights in giving us fresh starts, over and over again.

NEXT STEP: Confess one regret and ask God to give you a fresh start.

DAY 9

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

REFLECTION: Confession isn't about wallowing in guilt; it's about release. When we confess, we're not telling God something He doesn't already know—we're freeing ourselves to live in His light.

Grace waits on the other side of honesty. God's promise is sure:
He will forgive and cleanse.

NEXT STEP: Journal one place where you're hiding and invite God's light in.

DAY 10

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect.

REFLECTION: Healing often happens when we're brave enough to be honest with others. When we share struggles, we discover we're not alone and God's grace becomes tangible in community.

Vulnerability feels risky, but it's the soil where trust and healing grow.

NEXT STEP: Share one struggle with a trusted friend.



SUNDAY, MARCH 1

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Psalm 51:10

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a
steadfast spirit within me.*

REFLECTION: David's prayer is simple but powerful. He doesn't ask God to fix his situation—he asks for a new heart. God's grace doesn't just cover our mistakes; it transforms us from the inside out.

When we bring Him our regrets and failures, He replaces guilt with grace and shame with renewal. Every day is a chance to begin again.

NEXT STEP: Confess one regret and ask God to create a clean heart in you today.

DAY 11



MONDAY, MARCH 2

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Isaiah 1:18

"Come, let's settle this," says the Lord. "Though your sins are scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are crimson red, they will be like wool."

REFLECTION: God's grace can turn scarlet stains into snow. What looks impossible to us is simple for Him.

His forgiveness doesn't just cover over sin—it makes us pure again. The stains of yesterday do not define your tomorrow.

NEXT STEP: Place a white cloth or paper somewhere as a reminder of His forgiveness.

DAY 12



TUESDAY,
MARCH 3

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2 Corinthians 5:17

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;
the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!*

REFLECTION: In Christ, we don't just get a second chance—we become a new creation. The old is gone, and something entirely new has begun. That means your failures are not your identity.

God is writing a fresh story with your life.

NEXT STEP: Speak this truth aloud: *"I am new in Christ."*

DAY 13

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

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Micah 7:19

He will again have compassion on us; he will vanquish our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

REFLECTION: God doesn't just forgive—He throws our sins into the depths of the sea. They are gone, never to be dragged back up. The enemy may try to remind you of your past, but God already buried it.

You are free.

NEXT STEP: Write a past mistake on paper and tear it up.

DAY 14

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

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John 8:10-11

When Jesus stood up, he said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, Lord," she answered. "Neither do I condemn you," said Jesus. "Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

REFLECTION: Jesus told the woman caught in sin, *"Neither do I condemn you."* His grace didn't excuse her past; it gave her a new future.

That same grace speaks over us: you are forgiven, loved, and free to live differently.

NEXT STEP: Extend grace to yourself today.

DAY 15

FRIDAY,
MARCH 6

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John 4:14

But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again. In fact, the water I will give him will become a well of water springing up in him for eternal life.

REFLECTION: Jesus told the woman at the well that whoever drinks His water will never thirst again.

Our world leaves us parched—always striving for more but never satisfied.

Only Jesus can refresh us at the deepest level. His living water renews us daily.

NEXT STEP: Drink a glass of water slowly as a prayer: *"Satisfy me, Lord."*

DAY 16

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

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Psalm 42:1-2

*As a deer longs for flowing streams, so I long for you, God.
I thirst for God, the living God. When can I come and
appear before God?*

REFLECTION: The psalmist's soul longed for God the way deer pant for streams of water. That deep craving is built into us—we are made to thirst for God.

Everything else we chase only partly satisfies, but God alone fills the soul.

NEXT STEP: Pause 3 times today to say: *"I thirst for You, God."*



SUNDAY, MARCH 8

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John 4:14

But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again. In fact, the water I will give him will become a well of water springing up in him for eternal life.

REFLECTION: Jesus told the woman at the well that the water He gives becomes “a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” His words remind us that true satisfaction isn’t found in what we consume or achieve, but in the living presence of God within us.

When we drink deeply from His Spirit, our thirst for meaning and belonging is quenched, and life begins to overflow with purpose and joy.

NEXT STEP: Take time today to pray or sit quietly with God. Ask Him to fill you with His living water so that His love and peace can overflow to those around you.

DAY 17

MONDAY, MARCH 9

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Isaiah 55:1

Come, everyone who is thirsty, come to the water; and you without silver, come, buy, and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without silver and without cost!

REFLECTION: God's invitation is generous: *"Come, all who are thirsty."* There's no price tag on His grace. You don't need to earn it or buy it; you must receive it.

His invitation is always open and always free.

NEXT STEP: Share a meal or drink with someone who needs encouragement.

DAY 18

TUESDAY,
MARCH 10

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Matthew 5:6

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.*

REFLECTION: Jesus said those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are blessed. To thirst for God is not weakness—it's the doorway to blessing.

When we long for Him, He promises to fill us with what is good and lasting.

NEXT STEP: Fast from one snack or indulgence today.

DAY 19

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

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Jeremiah 2:13

For my people have committed a double evil: They have abandoned me, the fountain of living water, and dug cisterns for themselves—cracked cisterns that cannot hold water.

REFLECTION: God warned His people that they had traded Him—the fountain of living water—for broken cisterns that couldn't hold water.

We often do the same, turning to habits, possessions, or people that leave us empty. But God is the only source who never runs dry.

NEXT STEP: Identify one habit that leaves you empty. Replace it with prayer.

DAY 20

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

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Revelation 22:17

Both the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" Let anyone who hears, say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who desires take the water of life freely.

REFLECTION: From beginning to end, God's invitation remains the same: "Come, drink freely."

The final words of Scripture are a reminder that the story ends in abundance, not scarcity.

Whoever is thirsty is welcome.

NEXT STEP: Read this verse before bed as a bedtime prayer.

DAY 21

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

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John 7:37-38

On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. The one who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, will have streams of living water flow from deep within him."

REFLECTION: Jesus promises that rivers of living water will flow out of those who believe. When He fills us, we become a source of refreshment for others.

His Spirit in us turns our lives into streams of grace for a thirsty world.

NEXT STEP: Ask God to make you a refreshing presence to someone today.

DAY 22

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

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Psalm 51:10-12

God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore the joy of your salvation to me, and sustain me by giving me a willing spirit.

REFLECTION: David's prayer for a clean heart reminds us that true renewal begins within. When we confess and invite God to restore us, His Spirit breathes new life into tired souls.

Renewal is not about perfection but about allowing God to create something new where we've fallen short.

NEXT STEP: Pray David's words today. Ask God to cleanse your heart and renew your spirit, so that joy and purpose can flow freely again.



SUNDAY, MARCH 15

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Isaiah 61:1

The Spirit of the Lord God is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and freedom to the prisoners;

REFLECTION: The Spirit of the Lord brings good news to the poor, healing for the brokenhearted, and freedom for those who feel bound. This promise reminds us that God's presence transforms despair into hope and oppression into purpose.

When the Spirit rests upon us, we become bearers of that same good news in our homes, workplaces, and neighborhoods.

NEXT STEP: Look for someone who needs encouragement today. Speak a word of hope or offer a simple act of kindness that reminds them of God's love and freedom.

DAY 23

MONDAY, MARCH 16

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Psalm 34:18

*The Lord is near the brokenhearted; he saves those
crushed in spirit.*

REFLECTION: God is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Pain often convinces us we are alone, but the truth is God leans in closer when we are hurting.

His presence does not erase the pain instantly, but it does promise you will not face it by yourself.

NEXT STEP: Write a short prayer of thanks for God's nearness, even in pain.

DAY 24

TUESDAY,
MARCH 17

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Luke 4:18

*The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim
release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free the oppressed,*

REFLECTION: When Jesus announced His mission, He made it clear: *He came for the broken, the poor, the bound, and the blind.* That means you do not need to pretend to be okay for God to love you.

He meets you as you are, right where you are, to set you free.

NEXT STEP: Share encouragement with someone who feels trapped by life's burdens.

DAY 25

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

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2 Corinthians 12:9

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is perfected in weakness." Therefore, I will most gladly boast all the more about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may reside in me.

REFLECTION: Paul discovered that God's grace is enough, and His power shows up best in weakness. We live in a world that tells us to hide our flaws, but God works through them.

Brokenness is not the end of your story. It is the place where God's strength can shine the brightest.

NEXT STEP: Instead of hiding your weakness, share it with God in honesty today.

DAY 26

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

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Matthew 11:28

*Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.*

REFLECTION: Jesus calls the weary and the burdened to come to Him for rest. Rest is not laziness. It is trust. It is the courage to stop carrying what only God can carry.

If you feel worn down, hear His invitation to lay it down.

NEXT STEP: Take 10 minutes of silence today to lay your burdens down.

DAY 27

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

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Psalm 147:3

He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds.

REFLECTION: God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He does not ignore them or leave them open to fester. His care is personal and tender.

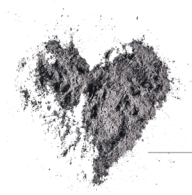
No wound is too deep for His love to reach.

NEXT STEP: Reach out to someone who is grieving. Offer your presence, not solutions.

DAY 28

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

A JOURNEY OF RENEWAL



John 11:35
Jesus wept.

REFLECTION: Jesus wept at the tomb of His friend. He was not afraid to feel or to grieve.

God meets us in our tears and shows that our pain moves His heart. His tears remind us that love always draws near.

NEXT STEP: Allow yourself to feel your emotions honestly before God today.



SUNDAY, MARCH 22

A JOURNEY OF RENEWAL

Hebrews 4:16

*Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help
us in time of need.*

REFLECTION: Because of Jesus, we can approach God's throne with confidence. We do not come crawling in fear, but walking in trust, knowing mercy and grace are waiting.

Boldness is not arrogance—it is trust in the One who loves you.

NEXT STEP: Pray boldly for something you've been hesitant to ask God for.

DAY 29

MONDAY, MARCH 23

A JOURNEY OF RENEWAL

Psalm 27:1

*The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom should I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—whom should I dread?*

REFLECTION: The psalmist declared, *“The Lord is my light and salvation, whom shall I fear?”*

Faith does not mean the absence of fear but the decision to trust that God is greater. His light drives out of the shadows.

NEXT STEP: Sing or read this psalm aloud as a prayer of confidence.

DAY 30

TUESDAY,
MARCH 24

A JOURNEY OF RENEWAL



Joshua 1:9

*Haven't I commanded you: be strong and courageous?
Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God
is with you wherever you go.*

REFLECTION: God told Joshua to be strong and courageous, not because Joshua was naturally brave, but because God would be with him.

Courage is not the absence of fear but the presence of God. You do not have to face what is ahead alone.

NEXT STEP: Write down one fear and cross it out with the words: *"God is with me."*

DAY 31

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

A JOURNEY OF RENEWAL



Acts 4:13

When they observed the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed and recognized that they had been with Jesus.

REFLECTION: The disciples were recognized as bold, not because of their training, but because they had been with Jesus.

True courage grows out of a relationship with Him. The more time you spend in His presence, the more confidence you carry in the world.

NEXT STEP: Share one way Jesus has changed your life with someone today.

DAY 32

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

A JOURNEY OF RENEWAL



2 Timothy 1:7

*For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power,
love, and sound judgment.*

REFLECTION: Fear is not from God. Instead, He gives you a spirit of power, love, and self-control.

When you feel paralyzed by fear, remember you have already been equipped to face it.

His Spirit lives in you.

NEXT STEP: Memorize this verse and repeat it when fear creeps in.

DAY 33

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

A JOURNEY OF RENEWAL



Esther 4:14

If you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will come to the Jewish people from another place, but you and your father's family will be destroyed. Who knows, perhaps you have come to your royal position for such a time as this.

REFLECTION: Esther stood at a crossroads, uncertain and afraid, yet reminded that God placed her in that moment for a reason.

You, too, are here for such a time as this. God has woven your life into His story, and your courage matters.

NEXT STEP: Take one small act of courage today that you've been putting off.

DAY 34

SATURDAY,
MARCH 28

A JOURNEY OF RENEWAL



Ephesians 3:12

*In him we have boldness and confident access through
faith in him.*

REFLECTION: In Christ, you have direct access to God. No barriers, no middlemen, no hesitation. His presence is open to you any time, anywhere.

What a gift to come freely before Him.

NEXT STEP: Begin prayer today with confidence, not hesitation.



SUNDAY, MARCH 29

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PALM SUNDAY

Matthew 21:1-3; 6-11

When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives, Jesus then sent two disciples, telling them, "Go into the village ahead of you. At once, you will find a donkey tied there with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them at once." The disciples went and did just as Jesus directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt; then they laid their clothes on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their clothes on the road; others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them on the road. Then the crowds who went ahead of him and those who followed shouted: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven! When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in an uproar, saying, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

REFLECTION: The crowds welcomed Jesus with palm branches and shouts of praise. Yet only days later, some would turn against Him. Palm Sunday invites us to ask: *are we truly ready to welcome Jesus into every part of our lives?* His arrival is gentle, but His presence is powerful.

NEXT STEP: Lay down one distraction to make room for Him this week.

DAY 35

MONDAY, MARCH 30

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HOLY MONDAY

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout in triumph, Daughter Jerusalem! Look, your King is coming to you; he is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

REFLECTION: The prophecy of the humble King riding on a donkey reminds us that God's way is not like the world's way.

Power is revealed through humility. Jesus shows us that true strength is found in serving, not in dominating.

NEXT STEP: Do one humble act of service for someone today.

DAY 36

TUESDAY,
MARCH 31

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HOLY TUESDAY

Philippians 2:5-11

Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus, who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited. Instead, he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity. And when he had come as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross. For this reason God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow—in heaven and on earth and under the earth—and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

REFLECTION: Paul tells us to have the same mind as Christ, who emptied Himself and became a servant. His path to glory came through humility and obedience.

Following Jesus means choosing the same posture of surrender and trust.

NEXT STEP: Pray, “Lord, give me the mind of Christ today.”

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

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HOLY WEDNESDAY

Luke 22:39-42

He went out and made his way as usual to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he told them, "Pray that you may not fall into temptation." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and began to pray, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me—nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."

REFLECTION: In the garden, Jesus prayed with deep anguish, yet surrendered His will to the Father. His prayer of *"not my will but Yours"*, shows us the heart of true discipleship.

When you surrender, you discover peace in God's hands.

NEXT STEP: Surrender one area of your life to God in prayer.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

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HOLY THURSDAY

John 13:1-11

Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. Now when it was time for supper, the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, to betray him. Jesus knew that the Father had given everything into his hands, that he had come from God, and that he was going back to God. So he got up from supper, laid aside his outer clothing, took a towel, and tied it around himself. Next, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet and to dry them with the towel tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who asked him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I'm doing you don't realize now, but afterward you will understand." "You will never wash my feet," Peter said. Jesus replied, "If I don't wash you, you have no part with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not only my feet, but also my hands and my head." "One who has bathed," Jesus told him, "doesn't need to wash anything except his feet, but he is completely clean. You are clean, but not all of you." For he knew who would betray him. This is why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

REFLECTION: On the night before His death, Jesus knelt to wash His disciples' feet. This act of humble love revealed what greatness looks like in God's kingdom—serving others with compassion. When we serve, we reflect the heart of Christ, who loved His own to the very end.

NEXT STEP: Do one act of humble service today for someone who cannot repay you. Let your love point them toward Jesus.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

A JOURNEY OF RENEWAL



GOOD FRIDAY

Luke 22:32-43

Two others—criminals—were also led away to be executed with him. When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided his clothes and cast lots. The people stood watching, and even the leaders were scoffing: “He saved others; let him save himself if this is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked him. They came offering him sour wine and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself!” An inscription was above him: This Is the King of the Jews. Then one of the criminals hanging there began to yell insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other answered, rebuking him: “Don’t you even fear God, since you are undergoing the same punishment? We are punished justly, because we’re getting back what we deserve for the things we did, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” And he said to him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

REFLECTION: At the cross, love and mercy met. Jesus bore our sin, taking on the weight of the world’s brokenness so we could be free. Even in His suffering, He offered forgiveness—*“Father, forgive them.”* The cross is not the end of hope but the beginning of redemption.

NEXT STEP: Spend a few moments reflecting on what Jesus’ sacrifice means for you personally, and thank Him for His unfailing love.

DAY 40

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

A JOURNEY OF RENEWAL



HOLY SATURDAY

Matthew 27:57-63

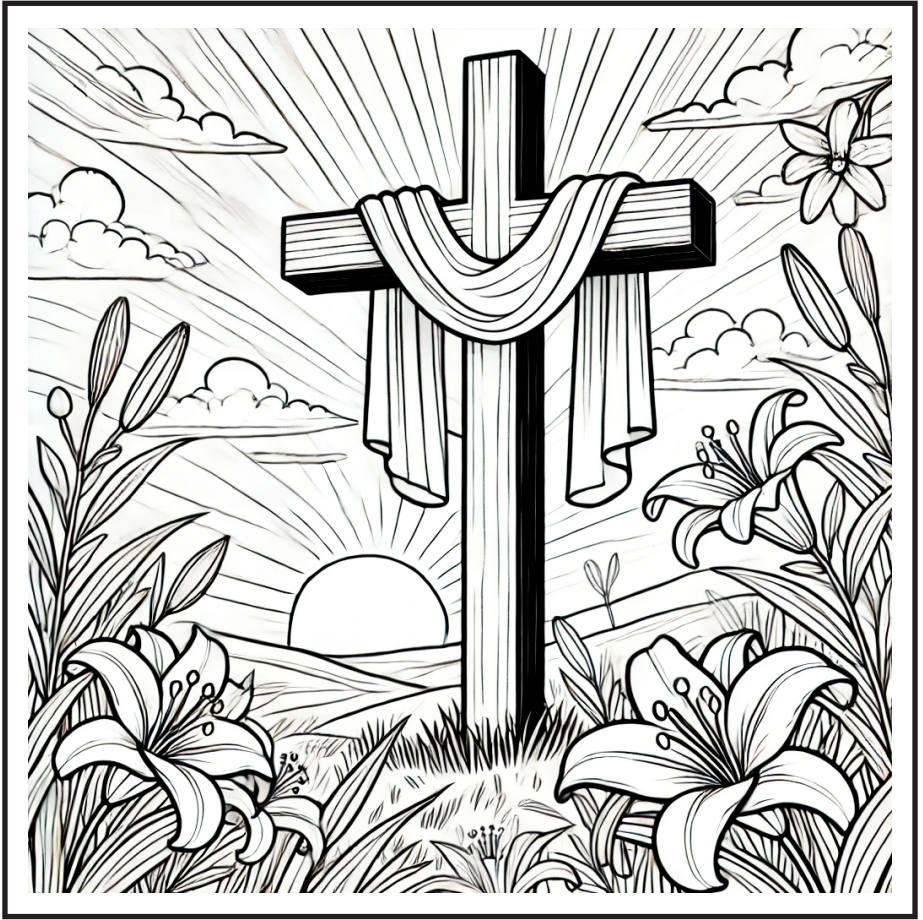
When it was evening, a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph came, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. He approached Pilate and asked for Jesus's body. Then Pilate ordered that it be released. So, Joseph took the body, wrapped it in clean, fine linen, and placed it in his new tomb, which he had cut into the rock. He left after rolling a great stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were seated there, facing the tomb. The next day, which followed the preparation day, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember that while this deceiver was still alive he said, 'After three days I will rise again.'"

REFLECTION: The day between death and resurrection is filled with waiting and uncertainty. Holy Saturday reminds us that even in silence, God is still at work.

When all seems lost, He is preparing resurrection hope. Waiting becomes holy when we trust that God's story isn't finished.

NEXT STEP: Bring one area of your life that feels silent or unfinished before God. Wait in hope, trusting that resurrection is coming.

HE IS RISEN!



Set aside a few quiet moments. Find a comfortable place. Let the gentle movement of coloring calm your thoughts and open your heart.

As you fill each space with color, reflect on hope renewed, love given freely, and the promise of new life.



SUNDAY,
APRIL 5

A JOURNEY OF RENEWAL

EASTER SUNDAY

Matthew 28:5-6

The angel told the women, "Don't be afraid, because I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.

He is not here. For he has risen, just as he said.

Come and see the place where he lay."

REFLECTION: The angel's words still echo today: *"He is not here, He is risen."* The resurrection is not just the end of Jesus' story—it is the beginning of ours.

Easter means new life is possible. The same power that raised Jesus is alive in you.

NEXT STEP: Celebrate by taking one bold step forward in faith, service, or healing.

EASTER AT SNELLVILLE CC

Ash Wednesday

February 18

6 p.m. | Chapel

Palm Sunday

March 29

9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Good Friday Service

April 3

7 p.m. | Sanctuary

Easter Sunday Celebration

April 5

7 a.m. Sunrise Service | Front Portico

9:30 a.m. Worship | Christian Life Center (CLC)

11 a.m. Worship | Sanctuary

Holy Communion will be served at all services.

Easter Egg Hunt following the 11 a.m. service!

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