

MARCH 8, 2015
THIRD SUNDAY
IN LENT

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Lent is a time to worship God from the heart.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	John 2:13-22	Jesus clears the temple
Monday	Mark 11:15-19	Jesus cleanses the temple
Tuesday	2 Chronicles 6:12, 40-42; 7:1-3	The temple is dedicated
Wednesday	2 Chronicles 29:1-6, 15-19	Hezekiah purifies the temple
Thursday	Ezra 3:8-11	The temple rebuilt
Friday	John 4:19-24	Worship in spirit and truth
Saturday	Psalms 95:1-7	Come, let us worship
Sunday	John 3:14-21	God so loved the world

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

O God, may the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart please you. You are my Rock and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:14 (NIRV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

God so wise and strong, we worship you. Keep us from allowing other things to come between us and you. Amen. (1 Cor. 1:25, John 2:13-15)

Mealtime Prayer:

For all we eat and all we wear, for daily bread and loving care, we thank you, God. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May worship of God be your heart's desire. May all you think and say be pleasing to God. Amen. (John 2:17, Psalm 19:14)

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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What "places of worship" are part of your life? What do you like most about them?
- The temple in Jerusalem was a special place of worship at the time of Jesus. He became angry when he saw the temple being used as a marketplace. Why do you think he felt that way?
- What gets in the way or stops you from worshipping God? What helps you?

DEVOTIONS

Exodus 20 tells the story of how God gave us the Ten Commandments. They tell us how God wants us to live. In your home devotional time this week, focus on the Ten Commandments, two at a time. Talk about what each one means, and pray for God's help to keep them. Try to memorize them.

- Monday: *I am the Lord your God: You shall have no other gods. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.*
- Tuesday: *Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Honor your father and your mother.*
- Wednesday: *You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery.*
- Thursday: *You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*
- Friday: *You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his manservant or his maidservant or his cattle or anything that is your neighbor's.*

SERVICE

Set aside time as a household to help clean up or beautify the church or place of worship you attend. This may involve weeding or garden trimming, sweeping, vacuuming, dusting or cleaning windows. As you serve, pray for those who attend along with you.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

This week, light three purple candles on your "crown of thorns" wreath. Read John 2:19-21. Then say this prayer together: **Lord Jesus, you died and rose again to become our "living temple." Help us to worship our God with all of our hearts this Lent. Amen.**



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