

# My Lenten Daily Devotions

## Day 1: Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

"But take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them."

(Matthew 6:1a)

### *My Offering to God*

I will anonymously do something kind for someone.

## Day 2: Thursday, February 18, 2010

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:22-25

"Then He said to all, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.'" (Luke 9:23)

### *My Offering to God*

I will learn from our Lord's example by reading from the Gospels.

## Day 3: Friday, February 19, 2010

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:14-15

"The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast." (Matthew 9:15b)

### *My Offering to God*

I will fast today and spend mealtime in prayer.

## Day 4: Saturday, February 20, 2010

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:27-32

"'Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?' Jesus said to them in reply, 'Those who are healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do.'" (Luke 5:30b-31)

### *My Offering to God*

I will pray today for those whom others condemn.

## Weekly Reflection

Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and deeds throughout the day. All good comes from God.

## Day 5: Sunday, February 21, 2010

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13

"Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days..." (Luke 4:1-2a)

### *My Offering to God*

I will ask God for strength to resist temptation.

## Day 6 : Monday, February 22, 2010

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of Mine, you did for Me." (Matthew 25:40b)

### *My Offering to God*

I will help feed a homeless person who goes unnoticed by the world.

## Day 7: Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:7-15

"If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you." (Matthew 6:14)

### *My Offering to God*

I will make peace with a family member who hurt me.

## Day 8: Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Gospel Reading: Luke 11:29-32

"...at the preaching of Jonah they repented, and there is something greater than Jonah here." (Luke 11:32b)

### *My Offering to God*

I will confess my sins to God and ask Him to make me more like Christ.

## Day 9: Thursday, February 25, 2010

Gospel Reading: Matthew 7:7-12 " Do to others whatever you would have them do to you." (Matthew 7:12a)

### *My Offering to God*

I will perform a kind deed for someone.

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### **Day 10: Friday, February 26, 2010**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:20–26

"...go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift." (Matthew 5:24b)

#### *My Offering to God*

I will ask for forgiveness from someone I have wronged.

### **Dad 11: Saturday, February 27, 2010**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:43–48

"...love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you..." (Matthew 5:44b)

#### *My Offering to God*

I will pray for someone who has wronged me.

#### **Weekly Reflection**

Take time to truly listen to God. Allow His Word to guide and strengthen you.

### **Day 12: Sunday, February 28, 2010**

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28b–36

"Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is My chosen Son; listen to Him.'" (Luke 9:35)

#### *My Offering to God*

I will set aside time today to reflect on the teachings of Jesus Christ.

### **Day 13: Monday, March 1, 2010**

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:36–38

"Give and gifts will be given to you..." (Luke 6:38a)

#### *My Offering to God*

Today I will donate to the less fortunate.

### **Day 14: Tuesday, March 2, 2010**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 23:1–12

"The greatest among you must be your servant." (Matthew 23:11)

#### *My Offering to God*

I'll follow Christ's example of servant hood and look for ways I can serve others today.

### **Day 15: Wednesday, March 3, 2010**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:17–28

"...the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28b)

#### *My Offering to God*

I will thank the Lord for His sacrifice on my behalf.

### **Day 16: Thursday, March 4, 2010**

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19–31

"There was a rich man who... dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man... who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table." (Luke 16:19-21a)

#### *My Offering to God*

I will not eat between meals, and I will help feed the hungry.

### **Day 17: Friday, March 5, 2010**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33–43, 45–46

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone..." (Matthew 21:42b)

#### *My Offering to God*

I will make Jesus the foundation of my life.

### **Day 18: Saturday, March 6, 2010**

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1–3, 11–32

"But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found." (Luke 15:32)

#### *My Offering to God*

I will pray for those who feel that they are far from the Father.

#### **Weekly Reflection**

Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Through Him we can attain eternal salvation.

### **Day 19: Sunday, March 7, 2010**

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:1–9

"... Cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future." (Luke 13:8b-9a)

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### *My Offering to God*

I will cultivate young minds by helping in a Sunday School class.

#### **Day 20: Monday, March 8, 2010**

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:24-30

"And He said, 'Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place.'" (Luke 4:24)

### *My Offering to God*

I will show respect for those who preach God's Word.

#### **Day 21: Tuesday, March 9, 2010**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

"'Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.'" (Matthew 18:21b-22)

### *My Offering to God*

I will forgive those who have repeatedly offended me, just as Christ forgives me.

#### **Day 22: Wednesday, March 10, 2010**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:17-19

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill." (Matthew 5:17)

### *My Offering to God*

I'll thank Jesus for being the perfect sacrifice the law required and the prophets foretold.

#### **Day 23: Thursday, March 11, 2010**

Gospel Reading: Luke 11:14-23

"Whoever is not with Me is against Me, and whoever does not gather with Me scatters." (Luke 11:23)

### *My Offering to God*

I will stand up for Christ's truth today with courage.

#### **Day 24: Friday, March 12, 2010**

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:28-34

"The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:31)

### *My Offering to God*

I will perform a kind deed for someone in need.

#### **Day 25: Saturday, March 13, 2010**

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14

"...for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:14b)

### *My Offering to God*

I will humbly ask God to forgive my sins.

#### **Weekly Reflection**

You are a child of God. His capacity for forgiveness and love for you is infinite.

#### **Day 26: Sunday, March 14, 2010**

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.'" (Luke 15:31)

### *My Offering to God*

I will express gratitude to God for His gifts and His wisdom.

#### **Day 27: Monday, March 15, 2010**

Gospel Reading: John 4:43-54

"Jesus said to him, 'You may go; your son will live.' The man believed what Jesus said to him and left." (John 4:50)

### *My Offering to God*

I will trust the Word of God to guide me.

#### **Day 28: Tuesday, March 16, 2010**

Gospel Reading: John 5:1-16

"'Do you want to be well?' The sick man answered Him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred...'" (John 5:6b-7a)

### *My Offering to God*

I will comfort someone I know who is sick.

#### **Day 29: Wednesday, March 17, 2010**

Gospel Reading: John 5:17-30

"Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the

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voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live." (John 5:25)

### *My Offering to God*

I will rejoice in Christ's power over death.

#### **Day 30: Thursday, March 18, 2010**

Gospel Reading: John 5:31-47

"The works that the Father gave Me to accomplish, these works that I perform testify on My behalf that the Father has sent Me." (John 5:36b)

### *My Offering to God*

I will rejoice that Christ's works and signs demonstrate He is the Son of God!

#### **Day 31: Friday, March 19, 2010**

Gospel Reading: John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

"So they tried to arrest Him, but no one laid a hand upon Him, because His hour had not yet come." (John 7:30)

### *My Offering to God*

I'll thank God that I can rest assured He has a plan for me that evildoers cannot change.

#### **Day 32: Saturday, March 20, 2010**

Gospel Reading: John 7:40-53

"This is truly the Prophet.' Others said, 'This is the Messiah.'" (John 7:40b-41a)

### *My Offering to God*

Today I will reflect on who Jesus is.

#### **Weekly Reflection**

Try to treat everyone you meet as if he or she were Christ. Compassion and kindness honors and glorifies Him.

#### **Day 33: Sunday, March 21, 2010**

Gospel Reading: John 8:1-11

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." (John 8:7b)

### *My Offering to God*

I will examine my own life when I'm tempted to condemn others.

#### **Day 34: Monday, March 22, 2010**

Gospel Reading: John 8:12-20

"Jesus spoke to them again, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'" (John 8:12)

### *My Offering to God*

I will spend time reading God's Word so I might follow Him more closely today.

#### **Day 35: Tuesday, March 23, 2010**

Gospel Reading: John 8:21-30

"I do nothing on My own, but I say only what the Father taught Me." (John 8:28b)

### *My Offering to God*

Today I will strive to follow God's Word rather than relying on myself.

#### **Day 36: Wednesday, March 24, 2010**

Gospel Reading: John 8:31-42

"If you remain in My word, you will truly be My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31b-32)

### *My Offering to God*

I will read and study God's Word daily.

#### **Day 37: Thursday, March 25, 2010**

Gospel Reading: John 8:51-59

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever keeps My word will never see death." (John 8:51)

### *My Offering to God*

I will trust Jesus' words.

#### **Day 38: Friday, March 26, 2010**

Gospel Reading: John 10:31-42

"And many there began to believe in Him." (John 10:42)

### *My Offering to God*

I will pray to have my faith strengthened.

#### **Day 39: Saturday, March 27, 2010**

Gospel Reading: John 11:45-56

"...he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, and not only for the nation, but also to gather into one the dispersed children of God." (John 11:51b-52)

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I will reflect on Christ's tremendous sacrifice of love for us.

### **Weekly Reflection**

Remember that you can honor Christ the King through actions great and small.

### **Day 40: Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010**

Gospel Reading: Luke 19:28-40

"As He rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road..." (Luke 19:36)

### *My Offering to God*

I will welcome Jesus with renewed reverence.

### **Day 41: Monday, March 29, 2010**

Gospel Reading: John 12:1-11

"So Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. Let her keep this for the day of My burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me.'" (John 12:7-8)

### *My Offering to God*

Today I will do something thoughtful for someone else.

### **Day 42: Tuesday, March 30, 2010**

Gospel Reading: John 13:21-33, 36-38

"I say to you, the cock will not crow before you deny Me three times." (John 13:38b)

### *My Offering to God*

I will pray for courage in witnessing my faith in Christ, even when there is opposition.

### **Day 43: Wednesday, March 31, 2010**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:14-25

"I say to you, one of you will betray Me." (Matthew 26:21b)

### *My Offering to God*

I will reflect on the many times I betray Jesus by not doing as He commands.

### **Day 44: Holy Thursday, April 1, 2010**

Gospel Reading: John 13:1-15

"Do you realize what I have done for you? You call Me 'Teacher' and 'Master,' and rightly so,

for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the Master and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet." (John 13:12b-14)

### *My Offering to God*

Today I will humbly serve another person.

### **Day 45: Good Friday, April 2, 2010**

Gospel Reading: John 18:1-19:42

"He said, 'It is finished.' And bowing His head, He handed over the spirit." (John 19:30b)

### *My Offering to God*

I will honor Christ's great sacrifice by making a sacrifice for others.

### **Day 46: Holy Saturday, April 3, 2010**

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:1-12

"He is not here, but He has been raised. Remember what He said to you while He was still in Galilee..." (Luke 24:6)

### *My Offering to God*

I will give thanks and praise to the Lord for all He has done for me.

### **Weekly Reflection**

Rejoice in the risen Lord!

His death and resurrection allow us to enjoy eternal life with God.

### **Day 47: Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010**

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9

"For they did not yet understand the Scripture that He had to rise from the dead." (John 20:9)

### *My Offering to God*

I will rejoice in Christ's gift of eternal life.