

Lenten Challenge

The Teachings of Jesus

Daily Readings for the season are listed, and can also be found on book marks available at the church. The Lenten Challenge this year is to do these daily readings. When you have completed the challenge, be sure to sign the poster in the narthex.



Teachings on Mercy

Our Savior reveals what merciful means.

Ash Wednesday **Matthew 9:9-13**
Merciful means sitting with "sinners."

Thursday **Matthew 18:32-35**
Forgive your brother from your heart.

Friday **Luke 6:32-36**
Be merciful to EVERYONE.

Saturday **Matthew 23:23-24**
Make mercy a priority.

Teachings on Suffering

A cost-benefit analysis on suffering.

Sunday **Mark 8:31-33**
See God's plan at work in suffering.

Monday **Mark 14:35-36**
Trust in God's will.

Tuesday **John 9:1-5**
God is glorified in suffering.

Wednesday **John 16:17-22**
Your grief will give way to joy.

Thursday **John 16:29-33**
Take heart because I have overcome.

Friday **Matthew 5:10-12**
Your reward in heaven will be great.

Saturday **Luke 24:25-27**
The reason for suffering will be clear.

Teachings on Loving Others

The Lord explains the depths of love.

Sunday **John 15:9-15**
Love means laying down your life.

Monday **Mark 12:28-34**
Love your neighbor.

Tuesday **Matthew 5:43-48**
Love your enemies.

Wednesday **Matthew 5:21-24**
Be reconciled to one another.

Thursday **Matthew 5:38-40**
Show love even when met with hate.

Friday **Luke 15:11-20**
Love unconditionally.

Saturday **John 13:33-35**
Love connotes discipleship.

Teachings on Prayer

Jesus tells how best to talk to God.

Sunday **Matthew 6:5-13**
Pray in secret and as I taught you.

Monday **Luke 18:1-8**
Be persistent in prayer.

Tuesday **Luke 22:39-46**
Pray you won't fall into temptation.

Wednesday **John 17:1-5**
Pray Christ might be glorified.

Thursday **John 17:6-18**
Pray for those near and dear to you.

Friday **John 17:19-26**
Pray for all believers.

Saturday **Luke 11:9-13**
Ask and it will be given to you.

Teachings on Sacrifice

Christ says what we must give up.

Sunday **Mark 12:41-44**
Offer everything to God.

Monday **Luke 14:25-27**
Discipleship trumps family.

Tuesday **Matthew 19:16-26**
Put away your possessions to follow.

Wednesday **Luke 6:38**
Give generously.

Thursday **Matthew 6:16-20**
Fast without fanfare.

Friday **Mark 10:28-30**
The sacrifice will be worth it.

Saturday **Matthew 24:9-14**
Stand firm to the end in your sacrifice.

Teachings on Humility
Jesus speaks about the humble reward.

Sunday **Matthew 7:1-5**
Acknowledge your faults.

Monday **Luke 18:10-15**
Be humble when you talk to God.

Tuesday **Matthew 20:24-28**
Be a servant to others.

Wednesday **Luke 14:9-11**
Take a backseat.

Thursday **Matthew 8:5-13**
Recognize Christ's authority.

Friday **Mark 9:34-40**
Don't try to be the greatest.

Saturday **John 13:12-17**
Wash one another's feet.

Teachings on Following Through
Our Savior tells us to keep going.

Sunday **Matthew 21:28-32**
Do what you say.

Monday **Luke 14:28-33**
Finish what you start.

Tuesday **Mark 14:12-25**
Keep following me EVERY DAY.

Wednesday **Luke 9:57-62**
Don't look back.

Maundy Thursday **Mark 14:32-42**
Know when it is time to get going.

Good Friday **John 19:28-30**
It is finished.

Holy Saturday **John 12:1-8**
Prepare for my burial.

Teachings on the Life to Come
Easter Sunday **John 14:1-4**
A place is prepared for you.