# 倫敦中華基督教會 Chinese Church in London

### **LENT Devotional Journey 2024**

....a journey to follow Jesus through the Bible

## Introduction

This devotional was originally created by Redeemer Presbyterian Church New York for daily devotion during the 40 days of Lent. Daily readings begin in Genesis and journey through the entire Scriptures, from the law to the prophets to the New Testament, showing that all Scripture is about Jesus and culminates in his life, death and resurrection.

Our church invites you to embark on this journey together. Through the daily devotional we hope to provide you with timely refreshment & renewed hope, and takes you on a path to focus on Father God throughout Lent.

### As you begin.....

Jesus calls us to 'COME, worship me with all your soul, heart, mind & strength, and you will experience your life in all its fullness.....'

This is a journey to draw you closer to God; you would be reminded of the reality of your broken humanity; but as you journey on, you would experience with greater abundance the reality of God's redeeming grace.

As you seek the presence of our Father, be prepared to receive Jesus's words & truth and ministered by the Holy Spirit....

### Week 4 Overview:

Day 17: The Name | 4 Mar. Mon. Psalm 72: 12-19

Day 18: The Chosen Servant | 5 Mar. Tues. | Isaiah 42: 1-9

Day 19:The Servant Israel | 6 Mar. Wed. | Iasiah 49:1-6

Day 20: The Sinless Servant | 7 Mar. Thurs. | Isaiah 50: 4-9

Day 21: The Suffering Servant | 8 Mar. Fri. | Isaiah 53: 1-6

Day 22: The Waters | 9 Mar. Sat. Isaiah 55: 1-7

Sunday: Rest | 10 Mar.

# Guide to your devotional journey...

WORSHIP: Prepare your Posture encounter with God surrender your everything ....Wait for God to speak....

CONFESS: Open your Heart let Father search us inside out ask for forgiveness & healing ....What do you hear?

REFLECT: Engage with the Word ask Jesus to reveal the meaning of His Word consider your present life situations ....What are your thoughts?

RESPONSE: Receive Strength allow Holy Spirit to minister to you apply the truth into your life ....What is your prayer?

DAY 17: THE NAME | 4 Mar. Mon Scripture Reading: Psalm 72: 12-19

For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.

He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

From oppression and violence he redeems their life,

and precious is their blood in his sight.

Long may he live; may gold of Sheba be given to him!

May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all the day!

May there be abundance of grain in the land; on the tops of the mountains may it wave;

may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may people blossom in the cities

like the grass of the field!

May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun!

May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed!

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory!

Amen and Amen!

#### **Prayer**

Almighty God, we praise you that your Son is the king we all want and need; that his compassion far outweighs anything we have ever seen. Help us to trust and obey you as our righteous king, and may your name be forever praised. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Worship song – Mention of Your Name

YouTube Link: https://youtu.be/5vXPVGeccCw?si=2ucnqV7xQePgNqKA



#### DAY 18: The Chosen Servant | 5 Mar. Tues. Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-9

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you;

I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

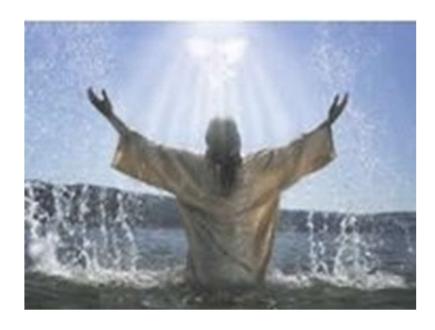
I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

#### **Prayer**

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we praise you that the fullness of the Godhead is at work and in full view here in this passage to bring an end to idolatry and the suffering that comes from it. We thank you for your word that we may gaze into it and ponder how you covenant with your people. We delight in you for sending a servant-king, Jesus Christ, who truly has "set the captives free" (Luke 18:4). In Christ's Name, Amen.

Worship Song: The Servant King

YouTube link: https://youtu.be/8rh4xEvMVOO?si=P6PUdfJlRBIGaCO7



# DAY 19: THE SERVANT ISRAEL | 6 Mar. Wed. Scripture Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar.

The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

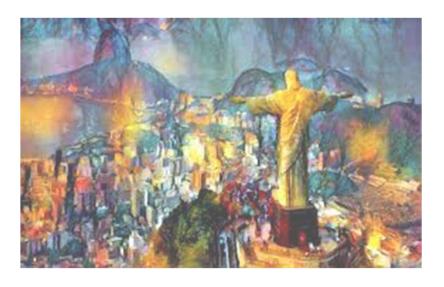
But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God."

And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him — for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength — he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

#### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, suffering servant and Redeemer, you have brought us back into relationship with you by being our salvation, purchasing us with your life, ransoming us from certain death. Give us hearts of flesh, warmed by the truths of your goodness found in the certainty of your love for us through your death and resurrection. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Worship Song: Saviour of the World YouTube link: https://youtu.be/a9zEjO-7Gf8?si=QTkvJ6W7NxW0irQk



# DAY 20: THE SINLESS SERVANT | 7 Mar. Thurs. Scripture Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught,

that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious;

I turned not backward.

I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;

I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?

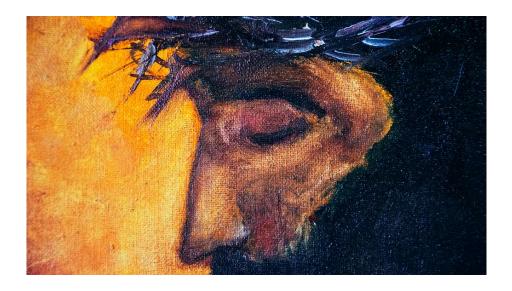
Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

#### **Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, our sinless servant. May this good news bring strength to us as we pursue joy in the midst of our pain and suffering. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Worship Song: Saviour King

YouTube link: https://youtu.be/fFZXe\_cMEkI?si=cZ2nArztWdSBz2rZ



# DAY 21: THE SUFFERING SERVANT | 8 Mar. Fri. Scripture Reading : Isaiah 53: 1-6

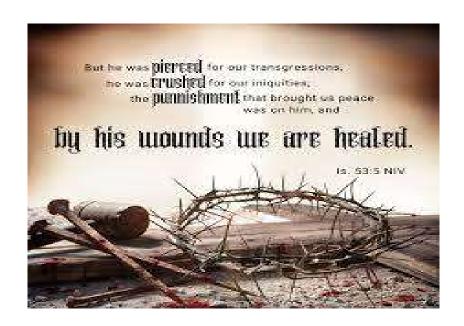
Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned — every one — to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

#### **Prayer**

Father, we marvel at the humility and compassion of your Son. It is only through his wounds that we are healed. Renew us daily in the joy of our salvation and help us to live in light of even greater things to come. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Worship Song: I won't Forget

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DAY 22: The Waters | 9 Mar. Sat. Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-7

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

#### **Prayer**

Gracious Lord, in compassion you call us. By your mercy, open our ears to hear your voice, and hearing you, to return. Remove the scales from our eyes and unveil for us the wonders of your word. Your glories are revealed there. Be our delight. Be our satisfaction. Awaken in us a new sense of expectancy, as those who put their trust in you will never be put to shame. Glorious LORD, we are yours. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Worship Song: Living Water

YouTube link: <a href="https://youtu.be/9F3abYTiucc?si=nLmYrOamxP58Rokd">https://youtu.be/9F3abYTiucc?si=nLmYrOamxP58Rokd</a>

