

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....

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.

Week 5 Overview:

Day 23: The Spirit | 11 Mar. Mon.
Isaiah 61: 1-3

Day 24: The Branch | 12 Mar. Tues.
Jeremiah 33: 14-18

Day 25: The Good Shepherd |
13 Mar. Wed. | Ezekiel 34: 23-31

Day 26: Treasure of the Nations |
14 Mar. Thurs. | Haggai 2: 6-9

Day 27: The Coming King |
15 Mar. Fri. | Zech. 9: 9-10

Day 28: The Mourning | 16 Mar. Sat.
Zech. 12: 10-14

Sunday: Rest | 17 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 23: THE SPIRIT | 11 Mar. Mon.

Scripture Reading : Isaiah 61: 1-3

**The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the broken hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to grant to those who mourn in Zion —
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.**

Prayer

Heavenly Father, you have accomplished through Christ, the anointed one, what I could never do in my own abilities. Yet, in the course of my day-to-day life I turn back to myself, instinctively putting my hope for change in almost everything but you. Help me to see more of the fullness of what Christ has accomplished so that I might place my hope in him and experience the greater healing, freedom and comfort that he graciously gives. In Christ's Name, Ame

Worship song – Spirit of the Living God

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DAY 24: THE BRANCH | 12 Mar. Tues.

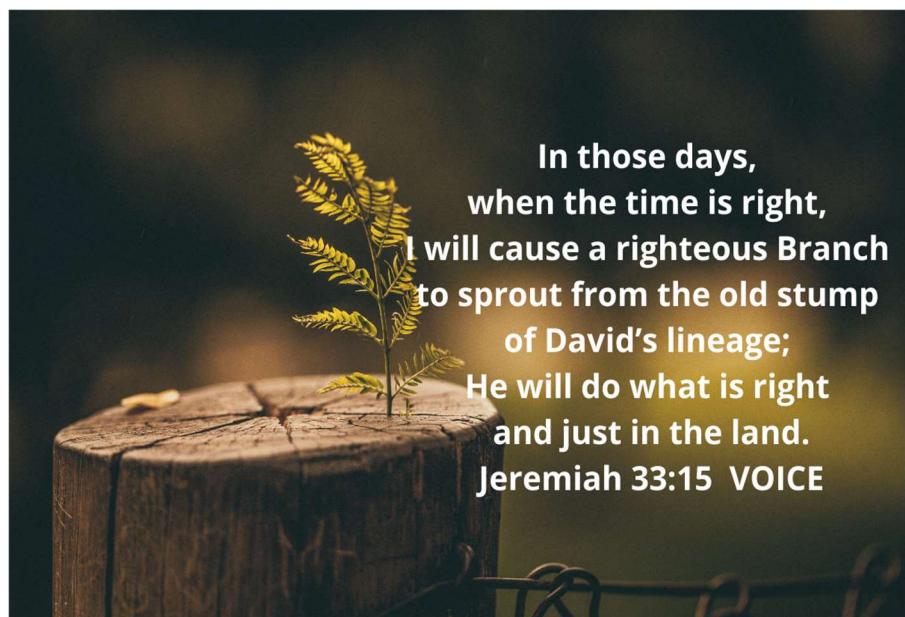
Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-18

“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

For thus says the Lord: “David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to make sacrifices forever.”

Prayer

Lord Jesus, I thank you that your mercies are new every morning and your faithfulness is great. Give me grace to repent today of those things which are displeasing to you, counting on the fact that you will never leave me nor forsake me as I seek to walk in your ways. In Christ's Name, Amen.



DAY 25: The Good Shepherd | 13 Mar. Wed.
Scripture Reading : Ezekiel 34: 23-31

“And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

“I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild beasts from the land, so that they may dwell securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. And I will make them and the places all around my hill a blessing, and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing. And the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase, and they shall be secure in their land. And they shall know that I am the Lord, when I break the bars of their yoke, and deliver them from the hand of those who enslaved them. They shall no more be a prey to the nations, nor shall the beasts of the land devour them. They shall dwell securely, and none shall make them afraid. And I will provide for them renowned plantations so that they shall no more be consumed with hunger in the land, and no longer suffer the reproach of the nations. And they shall know that I am the Lord their God with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Lord God. And you are my sheep, human sheep of my pasture, and I am your God,” declares the Lord God.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you for your love and care for your sheep. Thank you for laying down your life on the cross so that I might know your peace and be adopted into your family. During this season of reflection, in light of your love for me, help me to find ways to seek peace in my relationships and lay down my life for others. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Worship Song: The Lord is my Shepherd YouTube link: https://youtu.be/PLCM58m_w1Y?si=DpKT6fgM-0IOLxI5



DAY 26: TREASURE OF THE NATIONS | 14 Mar. Thurs.

Scripture Reading : Haggai 2: 6-9

For thus says the Lord of hosts: “Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land.

And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations

shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory,” says the Lord of hosts. “The silver is mine, and the gold is mine,” declares the Lord of hosts.

“The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former,” says the Lord of hosts.

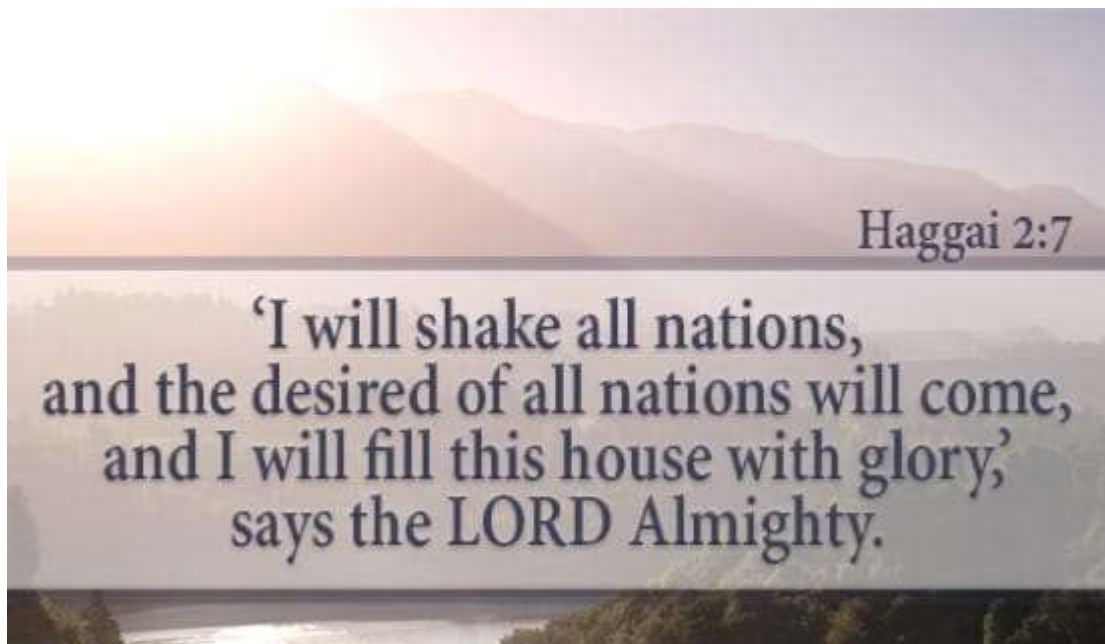
“And in this place I will give peace,” declares the Lord of hosts.

Prayer

Father, help me to hold onto your unshakable kingdom when my world is being shaken; to remember that Jesus Christ experienced the earthquake of the cross, so I would not be moved; and to remember that while treasures in the world may fail, you are the treasure of all nations. In Christ’s Name, Amen.

Worship Song: Holy Forever

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/jMoLC58LKF0?si=3ZQIOIGIaQefOHMI>



DAY 27: The COMING KING | 15 Mar. Fri.
Scripture Reading : Zech. 9: 9-10

**Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

Prayer

Lord, we rejoice and shout aloud that you would give your life to pay the price for our treachery. We praise you as our beloved king we have been waiting for. Come reign in our heart, our lives and our city. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Worship Song: King of Kings

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/7OnfOpZr030?si=qCGRJ1N43qWm8QtD>



DAY 28 : The Mourning | 16 Mar. Sat.
Scripture Reading : Zech. 12: 10-14

**And I will pour out on the house of David
and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and
pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me,
on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn
for him, as one mourns for an only child,
and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.
On that day the mourning in Jerusalem
will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.
The land shall mourn, each family by itself:
the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves;
the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves;
the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves;
the family of the Shimeites by itself, and their wives by themselves;
and all the families that are left, each by itself, and their wives by themselves.**

Prayer

Lord, we confess that our sin pierced Jesus. Thus, we mourn and ask you to pour out your Spirit of grace and mercy. In humility, we rejoice that your lovingkindness never fails – while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). In Christ's Name, Amen.

Worship Song: This is Our God

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/qT6czqPgJ5s?si=odjBTW6en7K0QH3>

