

“Hear Our Prayer”

A Sermon Series for the Sundays in Lent

February 21, 2010

Praying to Resist Temptation

Luke 4:1-13

Almighty God, we walk through the wilderness of this world. Guard us this Lent from all that threatens our life in Christ. Guide us with Your Scripture. When we grow weak, encourage us. When we fall, raise us up. Give us hope that sees the meaning in this wilderness walk. Hope that glimpses the Promised Land. Hope that anticipates Easter’s joy. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

February 28, 2010

Praying to Overcome Fear

Luke 13:31-35

Heavenly Father, Your mercy is strong and tender. Your forgiveness is certain and complete. Gather back to Yourself all who have wandered, even as You have gathered us into the warmth of Your protective presence, that all people everywhere might one day proclaim: “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.” Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

March 7, 2010

Praying to Live a Fruitful Life

Luke 13:1-9

Almighty Father, guard us by Your strong right hand in all temptation and testing. Defend us in all adversity to body and spirit. Tend to us, as Your living plants. Loosen our roots that they might dig deep into Your word. Fertilize us that we might grow strong. Lead us to live fruitful lives of repentance. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

March 14, 2010

Praying for Relationships to Be Restored

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Almighty Father, You have chosen us, despite our unworthiness. You forgive us, despite the gravity of our sin. Keep us from the temptation to sin, so we do not squander our inheritance like the prodigal son. Keep us from the temptation to judge, so we do not disapprove of Your mercy like the elder son. But cleanse us of our sin that we might enjoy the heavenly celebration You have prepared for us. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

March 21, 2010

Praying to Remain Faithful to God

Luke 20:9-20

Almighty Father, You have chosen us to deliver Your message of grace: "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" Yet, caught in the wilderness of our sin, in the desolation of our pride, in the desert of our selfishness, we have failed to proclaim it. Still, You forgive us. Inspire us by this great good news to follow Your will forever, proclaiming Your message to the wilderness of this world. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.