

40-Day Lent Journey: Draw Near to God

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Important Information About Lent Season 2025

What is Lent?

Lent is a 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and reflection leading up to Easter. It is a time for Christians to prepare their hearts.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (March 5, 2025) and ends on Holy Saturday (April 19, 2025).

This 40-day period reflects Jesus time of fasting in the wilderness.

Sundays are not counted because they are weekly celebrations of the resurrection.

Why Do People Fast During Lent?

Fasting, giving something up, or practicing self-denial helps us focus on God.

Please consult your doctor before any fasting period.

However, we can all think of something that we can give up during these 40 days.

Holy Week: The Most Important Days of Lent

Ash Wednesday (March 5, 2025): The beginning of Lent.

Palm Sunday (April 13, 2025): Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday (April 17, 2025): Commemorates the Last Supper and Jesus washing the disciples feet.

Good Friday (April 18, 2025): Observes the crucifixion of Jesus.

Holy Saturday (April 19, 2025): A day of waiting before the Easter celebration.

Easter Sunday (April 20, 2025): The resurrection of Jesus, the most important day in the Christian faith.

A daily scripture-based journey focused on Repentance, Prayer, Scripture, Worship,

Week 1 (March 5 - March 11, 2025): Return to God (Repentance & Renewal) - Key Verse: Joel 2:12

March 05: Psalm 51:10 - Create in me a clean heart, O God.

March 06: Isaiah 1:18 - Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow.

March 07: 1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us.

March 08: 2 Chronicles 7:14 - If my people turn from their wicked ways, I will heal their land.

March 09: Acts 3:19 - Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.

March 10: Ezekiel 36:26 - I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you.

March 11: Matthew 4:17 - Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

Challenge: Spend time in personal reflection and repentance.

Week 2 (March 12 - March 18, 2025): Strengthening Our Prayer Life - Key Verse: Philippians 4:6

March 12: Matthew 6:9-13 - The Lord's Prayer.

March 13: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 - Pray without ceasing.

March 14: James 5:16 - The prayer of a righteous person is powerful.

March 15: Psalm 145:18 - The Lord is near to all who call on Him.

March 16: Romans 8:26 - The Spirit helps us in our weakness.

March 17: Mark 11:24 - Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it.

March 18: Luke 18:1 - Always pray and not give up.

Challenge: Dedicate extra time to prayer daily.

Week 3 (March 19 - March 25, 2025): Seeking God Through His Word - Key Verse: Psalm 119:105

March 19: Joshua 1:8 - Meditate on God's Word day and night.

March 20: Hebrews 4:12 - The Word of God is alive and active.

March 21: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 - All Scripture is God-breathed.

March 22: Psalm 1:2 - Delight in the law of the Lord.

March 23: Colossians 3:16 - Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

March 24: Matthew 7:24-25 - A wise man builds his house on the rock.

March 25: James 1:22 - Be doers of the word, and not hearers only.

Challenge: Read one full chapter of the Bible daily.

Week 4 (March 26 - April 1, 2025): Worship & Gratitude - Key Verse: Psalm 95:6

March 26: John 4:24 - Worship in spirit and truth.

March 27: Psalm 100:4 - Enter His gates with thanksgiving.

March 28: 1 Chronicles 16:34 - Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

March 29: Romans 12:1 - Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.

March 30: Ephesians 5:19-20 - Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.

March 31: Psalm 150:6 - Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

April 01: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 - Rejoice always, give thanks in all circumstances.

Challenge: Start a gratitude journal.

Week 5 (April 2 - April 8, 2025): Serving Others & Love in Action - Key Verse: Galatians 6:9

April 02: Matthew 5:16 - Let your light shine before others.

April 03: Galatians 5:13 - Serve one another humbly in love.

April 04: Philippians 2:4 - Look not only to your own interests.

April 05: James 1:27 - Look after orphans and widows.

April 06: 1 John 4:7-8 - Love one another, for love is from God.

April 07: Hebrews 13:16 - Do not forget to do good and share with others.

April 08: Matthew 25:40 - Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me.

Challenge: Commit to one act of kindness daily.

Week 6 (April 9 - April 20, 2025): The Cross & The Resurrection - Key Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

April 09: John 12:24 - Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone.

April 10: Mark 10:45 - The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve.

April 11: Luke 22:19-20 - This is my body, given for you.

April 12: John 19:30 - It is finished.

April 13: ****Palm Sunday**** - Matthew 21:9 - Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

April 14: Isaiah 53:5 - By His wounds, we are healed.

April 15: Matthew 28:6 - He is not here; He has risen!

April 16: Romans 6:4 - Just as Christ was raised from the dead, we too may live a new life.

April 17: Philippians 2:8 - He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death even death on a cross.

April 18: ****Good Friday**** - 1 Peter 2:24 - He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross.

April 19: ****Holy Saturday**** - Psalm 16:10 - You will not abandon me to the realm of the dead.

April 20: ****Easter Sunday**** - Matthew 28:6 - He is not here; He has risen!

Challenge: Reflect on Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection with a prayer of thanksgiving.