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Sunday, March 5

Prayer for a Broken Heart

ONE: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. *Psalm 51:17 (NRSV)*

ALL: A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

ONE: Dr. Steve Harper invites us to consider the Hebrew imagery of broken and contrite hearts - “hearts pulverized down to a powder, so that the Breath of God can blow us in divine directions.”

Option: Consider showing a portion of this video demonstrating a pestle and mortar or demonstrate it live.

If you choose to show the video, you could mute the voiceover and underscore it with live music.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rWT7xmLhls>

ONE: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

ALL: Break my heart, O God

Crack it that I may see what you see

Crush it that I may want what you want

Grind it that I may be pure as you are pure

Blow through it, that I may go where you go

Love as you love

Bearing your breath and your mark

now and always, Amen.

Sunday, March 12

King of Glory, Lift Up Our Eyes

ONE: I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 121:1-2 (NRSV)*

ALL: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Option: Consider showing a few images of mountains and/or space with an instrumental underscore

ONE: I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

ALL: King of Glory, lift up our eyes

You, our Provider and Parent

You, the Maker of All Things New

King of Glory, lift up our eyes

Bowed low beneath the weight of fear

and worry

and falsehood

So much out of our control

So much we have brought upon ourselves

King of Glory, lift up our eyes

How can we seek your face with our eyes on the dust?

King of Glory, lift up our eyes

How can you save us if we keep trying to save ourselves?

King of Glory, lift up our eyes

To your blessing

Your salvation

Your glory, Amen



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Sunday, March 19

Prayer for Living Water

ONE: The Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods
In his hand are the depths of the earth
The heights of the mountains are his also
The sea is his, for he made it...
Psalm 95:3-5a (NRSV)

ALL: The sea is his, for he made it

Option: Consider showing a few images of the ocean, rivers, waterfalls, and/or running water with an instrumental underscore

ONE: The Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods
In his hand are the depths of the earth
The heights of the mountains are his also
The sea is his, for he made it...

**ALL: Jesus, we are thirsty
We are dry with division
Arid with apathy
Hard with hurry
Let your living water flow
a stream in the desert
a spring of salvation
Let your living water flow
Flood us and the world with your healing
and transforming love
Amen**

Sunday, March 26

Open Our Eyes

Option: Consider starting this prayer in the dark.

ONE: I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. *Psalm 40:1-3 (NRSV)*

ALL: Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Options: Consider bring up the lights slowly during the second reading of the Psalm and/or showing a video or images of dusk to dawn. Another video option: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6YAPsZSqUYg>

ONE: I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

**ALL: Open our eyes, Lord
Open them to your power and grace
Open them to your mercy and wisdom
Open them to your calling and hope
Open our eyes, Lord
Open our eyes to your unfailing love
We are blind without you
Amen**



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Sunday, April 2

Our Hope is in You

ONE: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.
Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.
Psalm 146:3-5 (NRSV)

ALL: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

Options: Consider showing video/images of new plants bursting through the soil or a butterfly emerging from a chrysalis

ONE: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.
Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**ALL: Lord Jesus, our hope is in you
Fill us with your faith and courage
So we are never overwhelmed by great needs
But rather overwhelmed with your great grace
Your great compassion
Your great power
Enliven your greatness in us into great and good works
For the honor and glory of your name
and the resurrection of your world. Amen**

Palm Sunday, April 9

ONE: Open the gates of righteousness for me so I can come in and give thanks to the Lord!
This is the Lord's gate; those who are righteous enter through it. *Psalm 118:20*

ALL: This is the Lord's gate; those who are righteous enter through it.

ONE: Blessed are you, O Lord our God,
King of the Universe,
In Jesus Christ you rule and reign,
not as a tyrant, but as a humble servant

**ALL: Open our gates this day, make your way in us
Open our hearts this day, take your throne
Open our lips this day with shouts of praise
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Easter Sunday, April 16

Call to Worship

ONE: Go, share the good news-
The grave is empty, Christ is risen!
ALL: Hallelujah!

ONE: Go, share the good news-
Fear has failed! Death is defeated!
ALL: Hallelujah!

ONE: Go, share the good news-
Once we were no people,
Now we are God's people!
**ALL: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!
The Risen Christ is with us!**



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