



# Lenten Prayer Calendar

Use these prompts to pray for your congregation during Lent:  
*“Holy One, help my church to...”*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Acknowledge change and leverage times of transition	Repent for ways church has excluded people	Serve as a touchstone for people in crisis	Celebrate the fullness of its history
Welcome genuinely without overwhelming	Be honest about core values	Understand and meet the needs of the surrounding community	Assess growth using metrics that matter	Encourage inter-generational relationships	Lean into fruit-bearing discomfort	Resist the temptation to imitate other churches
Effectively form lifelong disciples of Christ	Offer hope to those lacking hope	Educate about and identify spiritual gifts	Emphasize communication and transparency	Laugh together	Appreciate efforts and sacrifices of leaders	Understand the congregation as one part of the larger body of Christ
Integrate new voices into leadership	Seek justice for all God’s children	Dig for the courage to innovate	Care well for one another	Connect with denominational partners and resources	Embrace the church size needed to carry out God’s mission	Be a place where members are eager to invite others
Open hearts and engage minds and bodies in worship	Spread out the workload	Listen for God’s mission for our church instead of our agenda	Become more nimble as shifts happen more quickly	Train and support members in ministry	Streamline governance to prioritize ministry over meetings	Play together
Enter one by one but worship as one	Confess times the church has been too inwardly-focused	Collaborate with nearby churches and organizations	Utilize congregational assets to their fullest	Appreciate generational differences	Support and love our clergy and family(ies)	Teach stewardship as a spiritual discipline year-round
Enjoy the noise and chaos of young families’ participation	Interpret current events through the lens of faith	Fight well with one another	Turn away from individual and corporate anxiety	Get to know neighbors and engage with them gladly	Know when to end ministries to direct energy into new ones	Wait on God’s timing
Take note of and live into areas of new life						

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