



CHRIST
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LENTEN DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Peace and grace to you!

Lent is a season in the Christian calendar with special emphasis on the sacrifice our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, made for us. Many of us observe this time with fasting and other spiritual disciplines to foster greater reflection on the life, ministry, suffering, death and resurrection of our Messiah. As a result, we often become more aware of our sins and shortcomings and experience a greater depth of repentance in our lives. On Ash Wednesday, we are reminded that “we are dust...and to dust we shall return” as we receive ashes upon our foreheads as a mark of who we are...but also a visible declaration of Whose we are!

In addition, Lent reminds us that Jesus came to bring victory to us. He was already sovereign...Lord of lords and King of kings. We stood on the outside in bondage to sin and death. But through our belief and confession in Him, we find ourselves on the winning side...ready to receive our crown as inheritors of the Kingdom.

This devotional is rooted in the journey found in Romans 5 that begins with suffering, leads us to endurance and character formation, and destines us for hope...by God’s grace. Each Sunday, you will read through this entire passage. While this may seem repetitive (and it is), my prayer is that you will find yourself immersed in what it means to be formed and shaped by and for God through and by that journey. All the other days, you will read through passages from the Gospel According to John, Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians, the entire book of JOB, and other selected texts that further increase our understanding and immerse ourselves in the journey that begins with suffering and ends with hope. We may be comforted that our Savior suffered and died for us and the journey that Jesus took to Calvary and beyond is the source of our hope.

I pray that you will use this devotional guide to help you reflect and to draw nearer to God during this season when so many distractions vie for our attention. Each day is divided into seven segments. You will be given a song, a Scripture passage, and a reflective thought within each devotion. The rest comes from your own prayerful reflection and the Holy Spirit.

You may complete this time in 10 minutes or an hour—it’s up to you! On the next page, you will find a summary of what each segment means and intends to accomplish. If you have further questions, feel free to contact me directly.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Cheryl

The Steps

REJOICE IN THE *Lord*:

Begin your devotional time in prayer and worship. Say a prayer to ask the Holy Spirit to enter your heart and mind with insight and revelation. Here you will be given a song (all accessible through youtube.com), but if God puts another song on your heart, feel free to move in the Spirit!

REACH FOR THE *goal* TO WIN THE *prize*:

Before moving on, note what you want or need God to do in your life. This might be to deepen your relationship with God, a new job, restored relationships or to develop more generosity or patience. Whatever you're seeking from God, record it here. We know, of course, that the Lord is the ultimate prize!

REMOVE THE *garbage*:

We can be so distracted in our busy lives that it's important to remember that God should be our priority every day. Setting aside time to do this devotional is a step in the right direction, but we also need to confess what keeps us from reaching that goal we just named above. List that here. It may be as short as one word or as long as a paragraph.

REFLECT:

Take a moment to note what God has already revealed to you through reflection.

RENEW YOUR *spirit*:

Here you will be given a Scripture passage to read and reflect upon.

RESPOND:

Take a moment to respond to what God has now revealed to you through Scripture.

REST IN *God's love*:

Here you will be given a reflective thought to end your devotional time.

February 14, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Sound the Trumpet" (Judith McAllister)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOEL 2:1-2, 12-17

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

Turn to the Lord.

February 15, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"I Give Myself Away" (William McDowell)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOB 1-3

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord gives.

February 16, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Holy" (Donnie McLurkin)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

EPHESIANS 1

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

Christ makes me holy.

February 17, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Show Me Your Glory" (Karen Clark Sheard)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOHN 13

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

Jesus is my example.

February 18, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Peace" (Juanita Bynum)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

ROMANS 5

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

Jesus provides access.

February 19, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"I Will Call Upon the Lord" (Benita Washington)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

PSALM 1

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord instructs me.

February 20, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Total Praise" (Richard Smallwood)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOB 4-6

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

God is my source.

February 21, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"To Our God" (Judith McAllister)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

ISAIAH 58:1-12

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord will restore me.

February 22, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Center of My Joy" (Richard Smallwood)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOB 7-10

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

God fills me with joy.

February 23, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"You Deserve It" (J.J. Hairston)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

EPHESIANS 2

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

Christ brings me life.

February 24, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Holy Spirit" (Richard Smallwood)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOHN 14

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

Jesus empowers me for purpose.

February 25, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Holy Spirit Come Fill This Place" (CeCe Winans)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

ROMANS 5

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Holy Spirit showers love.

February 26, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Psalm 3" (Byron Cage)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

PSALM 3

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord answers.

February 27, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"My Life Is In Your Hands" (Kirk Franklin)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOB 11=14

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

God holds my life.

February 28, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Let Praises Rise" (Maranda Curtis)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

PSALM 51:1-7

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord reaches the heart.

March 1, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"No Greater Love" (Fred Hammond)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOB 15-18

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

Christ is my Advocate in heaven.

March 2, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"My Help" (Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

EPHESIANS 3

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

Christ strengthens me.

March 3, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"In the Midst of It All" (Yolanda Adams)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOHN 15

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

Jesus remains in me.

March 4, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"You Are My Strength" (William Murphy)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

ROMANS 5

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

God meets me in my weakness.

March 5, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"You Are God Alone" (Marvin Sapp)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

PSALM 4

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord is trustworthy.

March 6, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"My Redeemer Lives" (Nicole C. Mullen)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOB 19-22

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

My Redeemer lives.

March 7, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Journal" (Casey J)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21-6:10

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

God works with me.

March 8, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"God Favored Me" (Hezekiah Walker)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOB 23-25

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

God establishes peace.

March 9, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Holy Spirit Rain Down" (Alvin Slaughter)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

EPHESIANS 4:1-16

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Holy Spirit unifies.

March 10, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Overcomer" (Mandisa)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOHN 16

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

Christ conquers the world.

March 11, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"God's Love" (Clint Brown)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

ROMANS 5

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

Christ proved His love for me.

March 12, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Just a Closer Walk" (Fred Hammond)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

PSALM 5

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord calls me to follow.

March 13, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Hallelujah, Salvation and Glory" (Stephen Hurd)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOB 26-29

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

God has the wisdom.

March 14, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"When You Pray" (Tremaine Hawkins)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

MATTHEW 6:1-6

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

God sees me.

March 15, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Made a Way" (Travis Greene)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOB 30-32

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Spirit gives understanding.

March 16, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Let It Rain" (Bishop Paul S. Morton)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

EPHESIANS 4:17-32

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Spirit renews me.

March 17, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Who Will Go?" (Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOHN 17

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

Jesus sends me in the world.

March 18, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Great is Your Mercy" (Donnie McLurkin)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

ROMANS 5

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

Christ reconciled me.

March 19, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Broken But I'm Healed" (Byron Cage)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

PSALM 7

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord shields me.

March 20, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"The Prayer" (Yolanda Adams and Donnie McLurkin)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOB 33-35

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

God rewards my prayer.

March 21, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Amazing Grace Broken Vessels" (Hillsong)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

LUKE 15

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord finds me.

March 22, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Mercy Said No" (CeCe Winans)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOB 36-38

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

God doesn't reject me.

March 23, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Change Me" (Tamela Mann)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

EPHESIANS 5

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

God produces fruit in me.

March 24, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Nobody Greater" (Vashawn Mitchell)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOHN 18

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

Christ's Kingdom is greater.

March 25, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Only You Are Holy" (Donnie McLurkin)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

ROMANS 5

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

Christ did it for all.

March 26, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Jesus Saves" (Tasha Cobbs)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

PSALM 9

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord saves.

March 27, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Sovereign God" (Maurette Brown Clark)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOB 39-40

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord's arm is like no other.

March 28, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"If Not For Grace" (Clint Brown)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

2 PETER 3:9

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord wants my repentance.

March 29, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Let It Be Known" (Casey J)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOB 41-42

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord reveals Godself to me.

March 30, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Worthy is the Lamb" (Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

EPHESIANS 6

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

Jesus covers me.

March 31, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Victory Belongs to Jesus" (Todd Delaney)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOHN 19

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

Jesus completes the work!

April 1, 2018

REJOICE in the *Lord*

"Jesus, You're Beautiful" (CeCe Winans)

REACH for the *goal* to win the *prize*

REMOVE the *garbage*

REFLECT

RENEW your *spirit*

JOHN 20-21

RESPOND

REST in *God's love*

The Lord fills me with joy.

Now to Him
who is able to do
exceedingly, abundantly
above all we can ask or think,
according to the power
that works in us,
TO HIM BE THE GLORY
in the church
by Christ Jesus
to all generations,
forever and ever.
Amen.

EPHESIANS 3:20-21 NKJV