

Prayers and Readings for February 2021

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7 Feb: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

14 Feb: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

21 Feb: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15 (Lent 1)

28 Feb: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38 **Communion**

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- 1. Call to worship:** Because Jesus himself has passed through the test of suffering; he is able to help those who are in the midst of their test. Hebrews 2:18
- 2. Prayer:** Father, thank you that you have brought each of us safely to this time of devotion. We gladly surrender our lives to you in worship and praise. As we gather, we remember those who are not with us today - For those who are sick we ask for healing, And for those away from us we ask for your blessing to be on them. We invite Your beautiful Holy Spirit to move freely amongst us. Come dwell in each of our hearts. Equip us, challenge us, comfort us, teach us. Inspire us as we learn more about your majestic ways. Father, as we meet now may we behold Your beauty and encounter your grace. We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus. **Amen**
- 3. First Reading**
- 4. Prayer: (Adoration)** Glory and praise to God the Father, the Almighty, the Creator, the Lord of our whole universe. Glory and praise to the Son, the Redeemer, who has removed our fear and our guilt by taking the world's sin upon himself. Glory and praise to the Spirit, our guide and our hope, by whom we are built up in fellowship, knowledge and love. To the Trinity, one God, the source of life and truth and wholeness, be all honour and power and glory from the whole creation until the end of time. Through Jesus Christ your son, **Amen**.
- 5. Second Reading**
- 6. Prayer: (Confession)** Lord God, your light always exposes the extent of our darkness. Your faithfulness is the measure of our disloyalty. The recollection of your forgiving love reveals the ugly hardness of our hearts. We claim you joyfully as our Father, but we do not deserve a place within your family; for we make up rules to suit ourselves, and we trade on your forgiving nature. For the ways in which our lives have worked against your purpose; and for all the hope you have had for us which we have not fulfilled, we ask you, Lord, to pardon us and cleanse us, and receive us back again, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, in whose precious name we pray, **Amen**.
- 7. Third Reading**
- 8. Prayer: (Thanksgiving)** Lord God, we bless you for the gospel of Christ: for the good news he gave to the world of your justice and love and compassion. We thank you for the hope we have of your kingdom, and for the privilege that is ours in being part of Christ's body, the Church. For all the friendship and encouragement that we have found within the Church's fellowship; for the presence of the Holy Spirit acting in our lives, sometimes in spite of our obstructiveness; for the joys of home and family and the excitement of life today, we give praise and thanks to you, who have planned and given us all things. And Father, we especially thank you for the scientists that have developed the vaccines to help us get back to a normal life and pray they may be evenly and fairly distributed to those that have the greatest need. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen**
- 9. Fourth Reading**
- 10. Prayer: (Intercession)** Pray for those things that come to you from the bible readings. Pray for the world situation, your own community and family and friends. Pray for those that are suffering and those that work tirelessly to help others. Pray for our governments and leaders. Pray for your church and fellowships. Remember those that are unwell.
- 11. Lord's Prayer**
- 12. Closing Prayer:** Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers, feeding us with your word, and encouraging us in our meeting together. Take us and use us to love and serve you, and all people, in the power of your Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.
- 13. Grace:** May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen