

MARCH 16, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY
IN LENT



Jesus' compassion is greater than our misguided ways.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 13:31-35	Jesus' sorrow over Jerusalem
Monday	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	God's covenant with Abram
Tuesday	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Stand firm in the Lord
Wednesday	1 Peter 5:6-11	Helping Christian leaders
Thursday	James 5:7-12	Patience in suffering
Friday	Hebrews 10:19-29	A call to persevere
Saturday	Psalms 27	A song of trust
Sunday	Luke 13:1-9	Parable of the fig tree

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I [Jesus] desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing." Luke 13:34 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, you are the source of all goodness and our salvation; give us confidence in your care through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (Psalm 27:1)

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for your love that cares for us with this gift of food, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May Jesus be your strength and protection.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*I Want Jesus to
Walk with Me*



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- How do you respond to someone who is being treated unfairly?
- Jesus stood firm against those who opposed him. Would you do the same? Explain.

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 13:31-35.

Jesus stands firm against powers that oppose him. He opposes the Roman government that alone has the power to execute him. He opposes religious leaders who have killed God's prophets. He speaks against those who cannot or will not see the healing he brings (first described in Luke 4:16-21). Jesus' desire is to gather in misguided people who oppose him, much like a hen gathers in her chicks to protect them. This compassionate image of care is a strong contrast to acts of violence. Jesus refuses to let concern for his safety deter him from his task to go to Jerusalem where he will meet betrayal, suffering, and death. His reference to "on the third day" (v. 32) is a clue that his work has not ended until the day of his resurrection. This Lent we reflect on the depth of our misguided ways and the greater depth of God's love in Jesus that will not be stopped.

Discuss: How might some of your actions or thoughts appear to be misguided ways?

Pray: **Loving God, forgive us when we stray from your compassionate ways and strengthen us to follow Jesus who died that we may live. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you speak up for someone who is being mistreated?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Prayer is an important spiritual practice for Christians. During this Lenten season, take time to focus on the prayer Jesus taught us to pray, the Lord's Prayer (Luke 11:2-4). This second week in Lent we reflect on "Your kingdom come" (v. 2b). Add this to verse 2a from the first week in Lent by writing it outside of the cross drawn on the paper the first week. Take a moment to think or talk about what this verse means to you.

Pray: The Lord's Prayer.



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