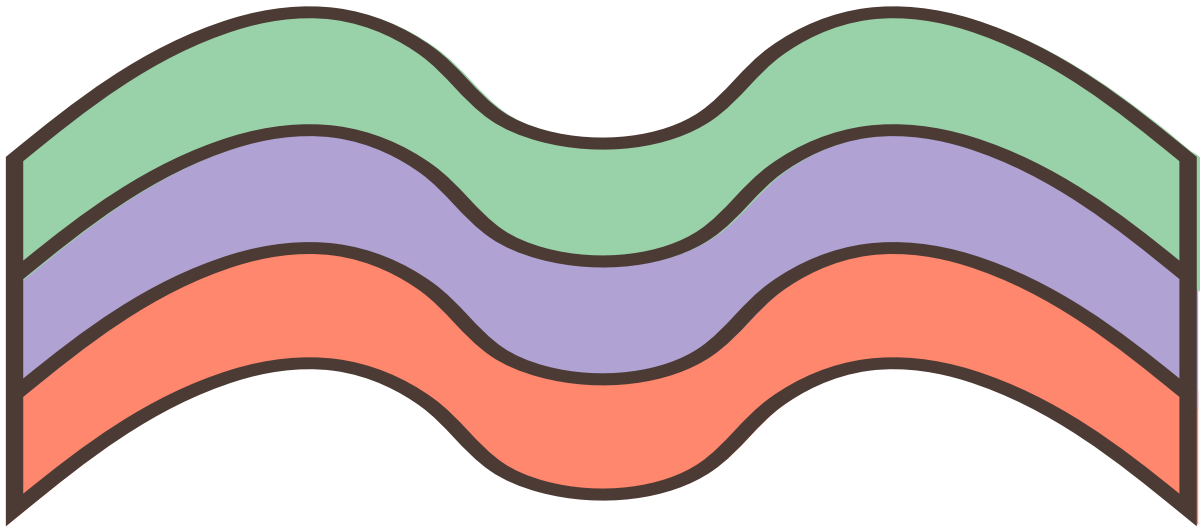


HOLY WEEK

DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE



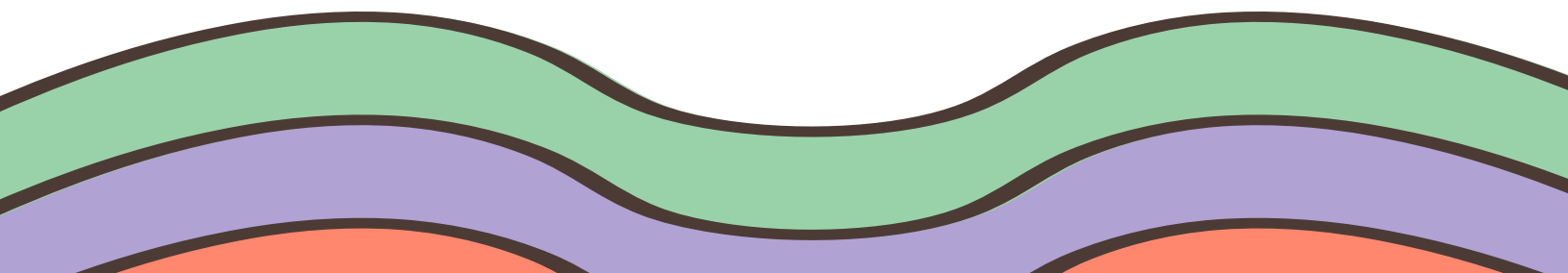
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On Easter Sunday (March 31) we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Holy Week marks the seven days leading up to that great celebration. We have created a daily devotional for you that includes selected Scripture readings, prayer points, and a fasting challenge*, to help prepare you for Easter and ponder the loving-kindness of our God. May each day lead your heart to worship, your mind to awe, and your actions to grace and mercies as you reflect on this great God, who loved you so much He gave up His one and only Son for you and all of us.

***Fasting Note - If you are unable to participate in the fasting challenge on a particular day for any reason, just use a fasting challenge from one of the other days, or fast as the Lord leads you that day.**



PALM SUNDAY

March 24

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

Prayer Points

***Praise Jesus as your King. Thank Him for saving you and for all He has done for you.**

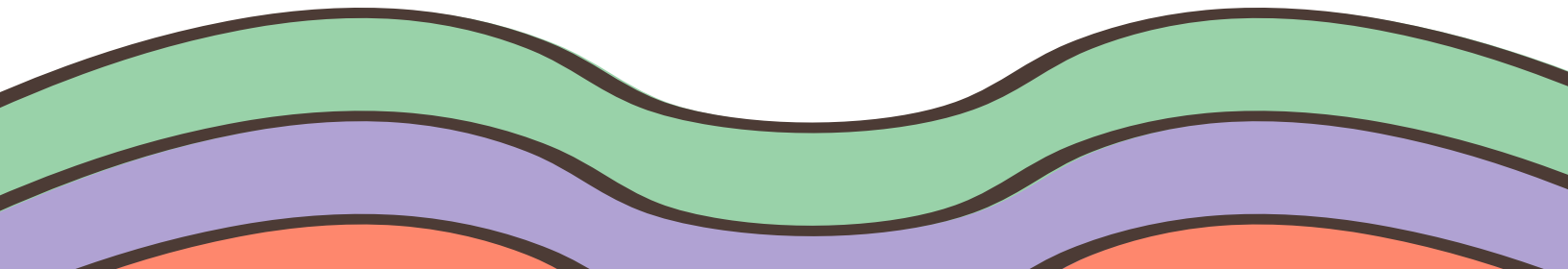
***Ask God to give you a heart of gratitude this week and always**

***Pray that you will have courage to obey whenever God asks you to do something for Him.**

***Ask God to help you experience joy this week and that you will celebrate on Easter Sunday like never before**

Fasting Challenge

Today we will fast from screen time. Let's turn off our devices and be fully present with God, with others, and with His beautiful creation.



HOLY MONDAY

March 25

"THE CLEANSING"

Scripture: Luke 19:45-48; Matthew 21:12-27

Prayer Points

***Thank God for the things He has done for you. Ask Him to help you to be intentional about seeing His wonderful works and praising Him for them.**

***Ask God to help you see where prayer and worship is being crowded out by the busyness of your life. Commit to reclaiming that space for devotion to Him.**

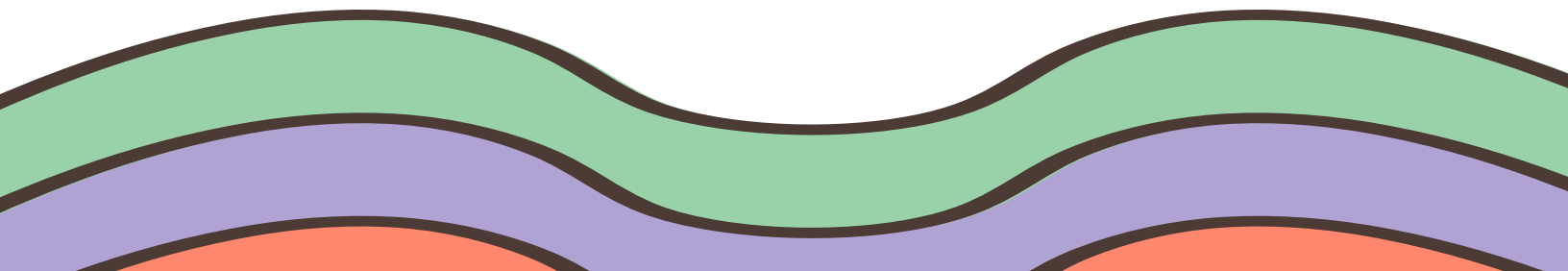
***Ask God to give you a heart that fights to seek Him above everything else on earth.**

***Ask Him to give you joy as you pursue Him.**

***Ask God to renew your passion for corporate worship with His people.**

Fasting Challenge

Today we will fast from comfort food and drink. We turn to many things in our lives to give us comfort, to help us numb grief, pain, and boredom. Commit today to giving up whatever comfort foods and drinks you love most - sugar, snacks, caffeine, soft drinks, etc. - to remind yourself that Jesus is our ultimate comfort.



HOLY TUESDAY

March 26

"THE PREDICTION"

Scripture: John 12:20-33

Prayer Points

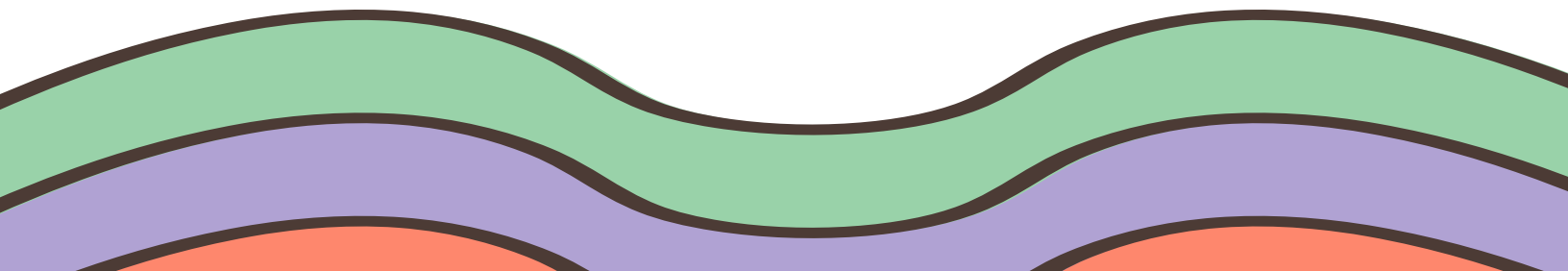
***If you're suffering, ask God to comfort you through His word and through people in your life who can encourage you and exhort you. Ask Him to give you friends and community in this church who can show you the love of God in your seasons of suffering.**

***Consider where you have prioritized anything else in your life over the sacrificial obedience God has called us to through Scripture. Ask God to forgive you for valuing the things of this earth and your own ambition more than eternal things and Godly, Kingdom- minded ambition. Pray for God to give you increased joy in Him as you remember how much He loves you.**

***Thank Jesus that through Him, we are able to bear fruit that has eternal impact. Pray your life will bear much good fruit, that God will be glorified, and that we all will be encouraged as we serve Him.**

Fasting Challenge

Today we'll fast from social media. Using and consuming social media can tempt us to believe our worth is found in the approval of others. Commit today to use the time you would normally spend on social media to remember all the ways God has shown you love and affection as His beloved child.



HOLY WEDNESDAY

March 27

"THE BETRAYAL"

Scripture: Mark 14:1-11

Prayer Points

***Give thanks for the character of God and praise Him, for He alone is worthy of worship as King and Lord of everything.**

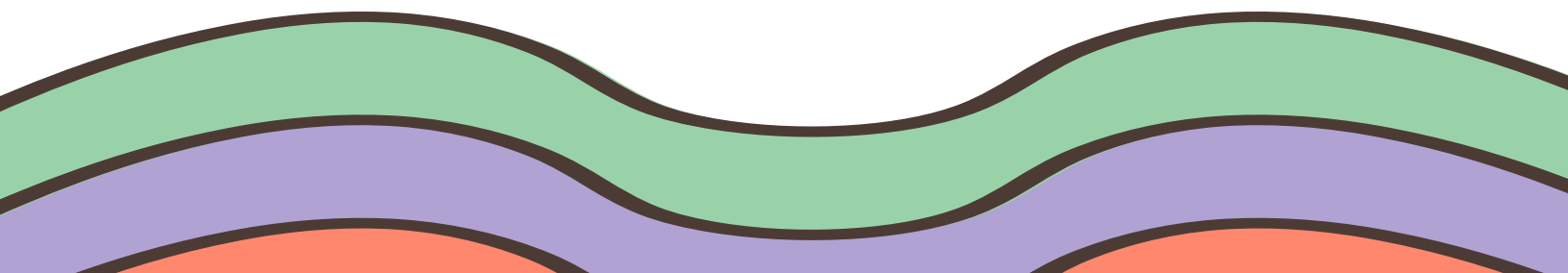
***Ask God to reveal any apathy in you or wrong motives for worship in your heart.**

***Ask Him to purify you from all unrighteousness so your worship can be beautiful and genuine.**

***Ask God to help you remain faithful to Him when you are tempted to walk away from Him, by money, pleasure, or even by disappointment.**

Fasting Challenge

Today, as much as possible, we will fast from distracting technology notifications such as text and email dings, and social media notifications. Instead, we'll focus on remembering the simplicity of abiding in Christ as we go about our day. If you can, turn your phone and laptop to "silent" mode and shed the tyranny of the urgent for the peace of God's presence, undistracted by the notifications of this world.



MAUNDY THURSDAY
March 28
"THE SUPPER"

Scripture: Luke 22:7-23

Prayer Points

***Give thanks today that Jesus was willing to give Himself away completely so that you can have relationship with your God and eternal life in His presence.**

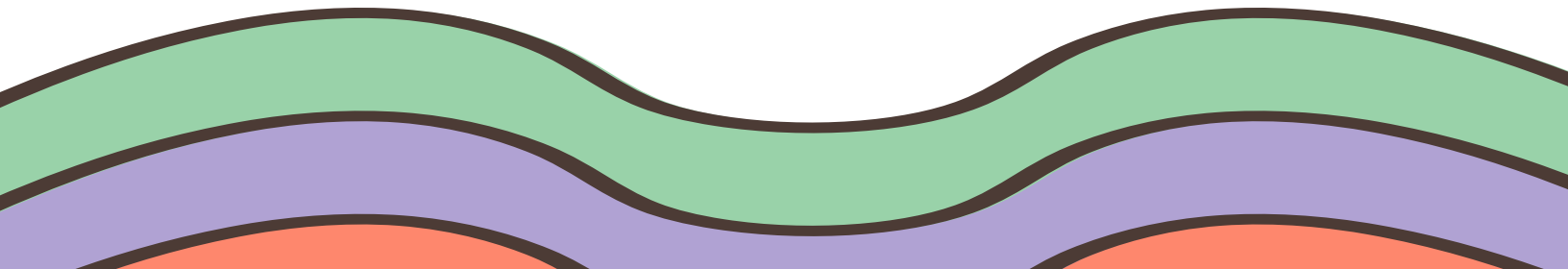
***Ask God to deepen your understanding of and appreciation for the great sacrifice Jesus made for us.**

***Ask God to help you wisely and humbly love and serve others like Jesus did, even when it's difficult to do so.**

***Today, if possible, take communion together with family and/or friends.**

Fasting Challenge

Today we will fast from escapism and dissatisfaction. When we're dissatisfied with our present circumstances it can be easy to escape into a fantasy world where we're just a little happier, a little healthier, a little more together. So commit today to rest in the promises of God, be thankful for the gifts He's given you, reach out to friends for support, and ask God to sustain you and show you the joy of right now.



GOOD FRIDAY

March 29

"THE PASSION"

Scripture: Luke 22:47-23:49

Prayer Points

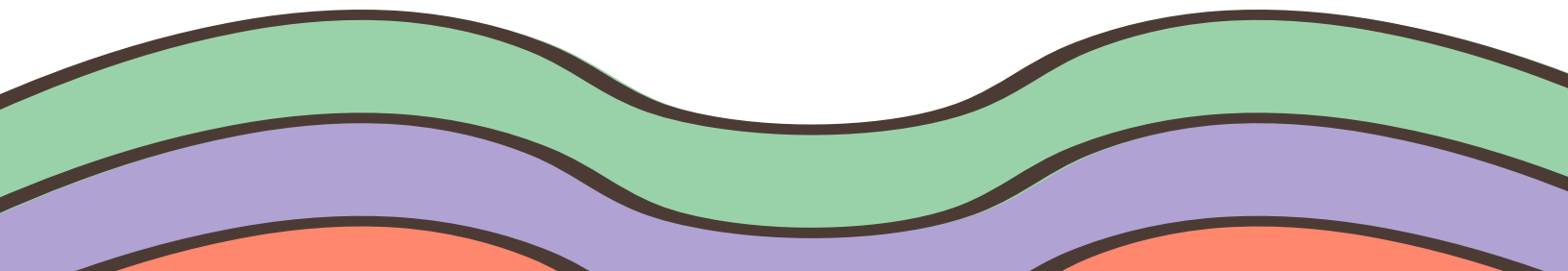
***Thank God today that Jesus was willing to suffer as a human being, in a human body, with human faculties. Ask God to remind you of that when you suffer. Ask God to comfort you with this truth when it feels that no one understands the pain you're experiencing.**

***As Jesus suffered, He considered the criminals who were crucified with Him, and He prayed for those who had inflicted His pain. Ask God to show you how to genuinely love and pray for the people in your life who are the most difficult. Ask Him to transform your heart for them as you pray for them.**

***Thank God that Jesus was obedient to the Father, that he didn't turn away or give up because the Father's will was too hard. Ask God to give you that same resilience and determination to do what the Father asks you to do.**

Fasting Challenge

Today we'll fast from entertainment in our cars and homes. This includes music, television, podcasts, movies, etc. Take this time to have real conversations in your car and at home with those you love most. Take this quieter time to think about today's Scripture and to pray. Redeem this entertainment-free time today with intentionality and presence.



HOLY SATURDAY

March 30

"THE QUIET"

Scripture: Luke 23:50-56

Prayer Points

***Ask God to give you the heart of Joseph of Arimathea, to be a person who honors others and glorifies God through your caring treatment of them.**

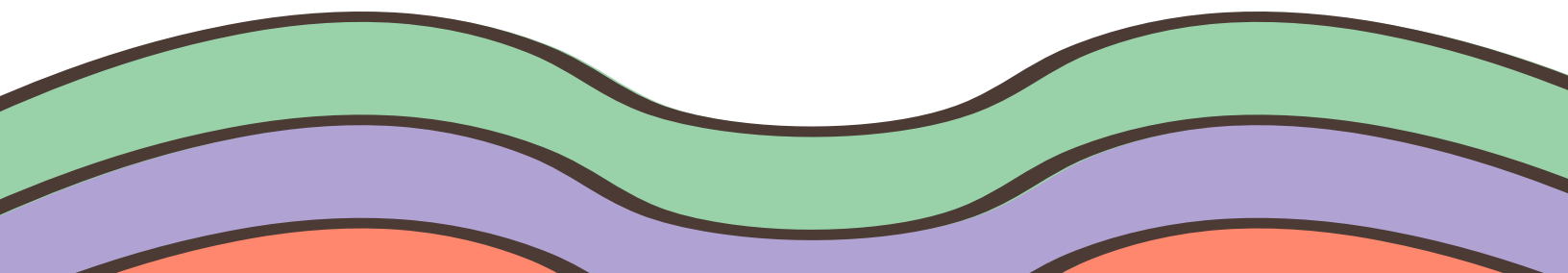
***Talk to God about any doubts you may have about who Jesus is or what He did. Ask God to reveal truth to you, to give you faith to believe He is who His Word says he is. Ask Him to help you believe that all His promises are true, and that they are for you.**

***Ask God to give you great confidence that He is very much alive in this world and present in your life, and that He hears and loves you.**

***Ask God to help you celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ tomorrow with greater joy and hope than ever.**

Fasting Challenge

Today we'll fast from a meal, either lunch or dinner (if this is medically safe for you). As we await Resurrection Sunday, we remember Jesus is our true sustenance in these frail and faulty human bodies. Use your meal time to read Jesus' journey of obedience, from His last Passover meal to his burial. Each time you feel hungry, tell God one thing you are thankful for that He has done for you. Remember, our suffering is only momentary. Sunday is coming!



**EASTER SUNDAY
March 31
"THE RESURRECTION"**

Scripture: Luke 24:1-35

Prayer Points

***Praise Jesus that He defeated death and He lives today, giving life to you and to all who believe.**

***Praise Him that although you have not seen Him, you can trust that He is as real today as He has always been.**

***Spend a few minutes worshipping God, telling Him how your love for Him has increased this week as you have spent intentional time with Him.**

***Where is Jesus calling you to trust Him in faith? Where is He calling you to share the Gospel? Pray for boldness today to be obedient and to remember that God is with you always.**

Celebrate: After completing a week of fasting, today is the day to celebrate!

Worship with the church in person or online.

**Rejoice today.
Sunday is here!**

