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First Quarter Prayer Calendar 2020

Focus: Faith in God

January: Faith in God

Poem by Corrie Ten Boom "Life is but a Weaving" The Tapestry

"My life is but a weaving between my God and me, I cannot choose the colors He weaveth steadily. Oft' times He weaveth sorrow; And I in foolish pride. Forget He sees the upper and I the underside. Not 'til the loom is silent and the shuttles cease to fly, Will God unroll the canvas and reveal the reason why. The dark threads are needful in the weaver's skillful hand As the threads of gold and silver in the pattern He has planned. He knows, He loves, He cares; nothing this truth can dim He gives the very best to those who leave the choice to Him.

Prayer: For the New Year

A new year, like a new day, is a gift from You, heavenly Father. Today is a day to look back and see Your blessings, grace, and guiding hand throughout the past year. We also look forward to what this year will bring. Through days of joy or days of sickness, days of sadness or days of rest, walk with us, Lord. Let us always feel Your presence beside us. In Jesus' name. Amen. Keep Faith in God.

Prayer: Martin Luther King Jr. Day (January 20th)

Lord Jesus, You have washed us clean in the blood of Christ, the Lamb, setting us free from the penalty of sin. We know You will always be with us, offering us freedom from guilt, worry, and cares. Help us to use this freedom, not to indulge in selfish goals, but to reach out to others who are still in need and carrying heavy burdens. Thank You for loving us as Your dear children. Amen. Keep Faith in God

NIV Scriptures: Hebrews 11:1-2

Weeks of the 1st – 11th

(1) Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see (2) This is what the ancients were commended for.

NIV Scriptures: Mark 11:21-23

Weeks of the 12th – 25th

(1) Peter remembered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!" (22) "Have faith in God" Jesus answered, (23) "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to the mountain, "Go throw yourself into the sea," and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.

NIV Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 4:13-14

Weeks of January 26th – February 1st

(13) It is written; "I believed; therefore I have spoken, "With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak (14) because we know that the One who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with You in his presence.

February: Faith in God

Faith; You may be unaware of it, but you exercise faith daily. By faith, you fall asleep, confident of the morning. You eat, expecting nourishment. You breathe in air you can't see. You drive your car, trusting it will take you to your destination. Jesus said "that faith as tiny as a mustard seed is enough to produce miraculous results. So why do you assume that only mountain-moving faith will do?"

Prayer: Lent (February 26th)

Lord Jesus Christ, during this time of preparation and reflection, keep our thoughts of You and Your sacrifice. As we confess our sins, let us remember our part in Your suffering and death. As we are granted forgiveness, may we be continually assured that our sins are covered by Your robe of righteousness. Prepare us for service and worship as we await the coming of Easter. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

Prayer: Ash Wednesday (February 26th)

O Lord, You know our hearts and minds, our actions and our inactions, and that we are in need of Your mercy. Grant us repentance that trusts not in our sacrifices but in the sacrifices of Your Son, one God, now and forever. Amen.

NIV Scriptures: Romans 5:1-2

Weeks of the 2nd – 15th

(1) Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (2) through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

NIV Scriptures: 2 Peter 1:5-9

Weeks of the 16th – 29th

(5) For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness, and to goodness, knowledge, (6) and to knowledge, self-control, and to self-control perseverance and to perseverance, godliness; (7) and to godliness, brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness, love.

March: Faith in God

Faith Fact; However, with renewed faith, we are never alone. We realize that in Christ we have everything we need to overcome any of life's challenges. There may have been countless times when we felt the earth shake beneath us, or the weight of life pressing in on us. This is happening to people today and to people throughout the world. It is one of the many ways in which the Holy Spirit speaks to us and encourages us to change.

NIV Scriptures: Colossians 1:3-6

Weeks of the 1st – 21st

(3) We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, (4) because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints - (5) the faith and love that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel (6) that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood. God's grace in all its truth.

NIV Scriptures: Hebrews 11:3

Weeks of March 20th – April 4th

By faith, we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, and that what is seen was not made of what was visible.