Devotion for Monday, March 30

## **Prayer** — *Psalm 146:2-10*

Answer me quickly, LORD; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me or I will be like those who go down to the pit. Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in You. Show me the way I should go, for to You I entrust my life. Rescue me from my enemies, LORD, for I hide myself in You. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; may Your good Spirit lead me on level ground. For Your name's sake, LORD, preserve my life; in your righteousness, bring me out of trouble. In Your unfailing love, silence my enemies; destroy all my foes, for I am Your servant.

#### **Scripture**

**Genesis 22:2**—Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

**Isaiah 53:11-12**—Yet it was the LORD's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the LORD makes His life an offering for sin, He will see His offspring and prolong His days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in His hand. After He has suffered, He will see the light of life and be satisfied; by His knowledge My righteous Servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities.

**Ephesians 5:1-2**—Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

#### **Reflection and Response**

Respond to God's Word through discussion, journaling, art, etc. Conclude by giving thanks to God and praying for the needs of our world.

#### **Doxology**

Devotion for Tuesday, March 31

#### Prayer — Psalm 51:1-7

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight; so You are right in Your verdict and justified when You judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Yet You desire faithfulness even in the womb; You taught me wisdom in that secret place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

### **Scripture**

**Genesis 22:3**—Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.

**Luke 9:51**—As the time approached for Him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.

**Philippians 2:5-7**—In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

#### **Reflection and Response**

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#### **Doxology**

Devotion for Wednesday, April 1

## **Praver** — *Psalm 51:8-17*

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, so that sinners will turn back to You. Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, You are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of Your righteousness. Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare Your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart You, God, will not despise.

#### **Scripture**

**Genesis 22:4-5**—On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

**John 16:7**—Jesus went on to say, "In a little while you will see Me no more, and then after a little while you will see Me."

**Philippians 2:8**—And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

#### Reflection and Response

Respond to God's Word through discussion, journaling, art, etc. Conclude by giving thanks to God and praying for the needs of our world.

#### **Doxology**

Devotion for Thursday, April 2

#### **Prayer** — *Psalm 31:9-12, 14-16*

Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief. My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning; my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak. Because of all my enemies, I am the utter contempt of my neighbors and an object of dread to my closest friends—those who see me on the street flee from me. I am forgotten as though I were dead; I have become like broken pottery. But I trust in you, LORD; I say, "You are my God." My times are in Your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me. Let Your face shine on your servant; save me in Your unfailing love.

### **Scripture**

**Genesis 22:6-8**—Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and the wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

**John 1:29**—The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

**Romans 3:25a**—God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of His blood—to be received by faith.

#### **Reflection and Response**

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#### **Doxology**

Devotion for Friday, April 3

## Prayer — Psalm 19:14

May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

### **Scripture**

**Genesis 22:9-12**—When they reached the place God had told them about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

**Hebrews 11:17-19**—By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

**John 3:16-17**—For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

#### **Reflection and Response**

Respond to God's Word through discussion, journaling, art, etc. Conclude by giving thanks to God and praying for the needs of our world.

#### **Doxology**

Devotion for Saturday, April 4

#### <u>Praver</u> — *Psalm 111:1-5, 7, 9-10*

Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly. Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are His deeds, and His righteousness endures forever. He causes His wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate. He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever. The works of His hand are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy. He provided redemption for His people; He ordained His covenant forever—holy and awesome is His name. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His precepts have good understanding. To Him belongs eternal praise.

### **Scripture**

**Genesis 22:13-14**—Abraham looks up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over ant took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

**Mark 10:45**—"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

**Hebrews 9:12**—He did not enter by means of the blood of goats or calves; but He entered the Most Holy Place once for all by His own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

#### **Reflection and Response**

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#### **Doxology**

Devotion for Sunday, April 5

#### **Prayer** — Psalm 51:15

Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

### **Scripture**

Genesis 22:15-19a—The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, "I swear by myself, declared the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all the nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me." Then Abraham returned to his servants, and they set off together for Beersheba.

**John 12:12-13**—The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel!"

**Revelation 7:9-10**—After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

### **Reflection and Response**

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### **Doxology**