

Lenten Prayer Service  
At home edition  
March 25, 2020

Though we cannot gather together for today's Lenten Prayer Service, we encourage you to still take the time at home to sit, pray, and reflect!

*You will need a pen/pencil, paper, coloring supplies (crayons, markers, colored pencils), the pages below, and your bible.*

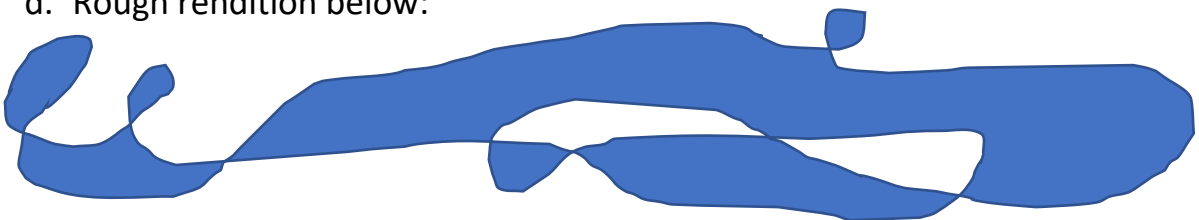
1. Feel free to light a few candles and dim the lights in your room. We've even included a few images of the Chapel to help you feel like you are there! You can share them to your computer or TV screen and blow them up! 😊
2. For as long as you'd like, play instrumental music. Links below for possible options.
  - a. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zROSAakJ7tc>
  - b. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nnk1HTsmJk0>
3. Say an opening prayer. A few suggestions are included below if you'd like a Lenten prayer.
4. Devotion
  - a. We encourage you to do this part in any order and number as you would like.
  - b. Below are the 4 scriptures we shared in worship last Sunday.
    - i. 1 Samuel 16: 1-13
    - ii. Psalm 23
    - iii. Ephesians 5: 8-14
    - iv. John 9: 1-41
  - c. We invite you to read a section of scripture and reflect on it as you color one of the corresponding images.
    - i. You can color the images and then read the scripture.
    - ii. You can read the scripture and then color the images.
    - iii. You can color while someone else reads to you or you take turns reading out loud and coloring.

- iv. There are also Bible Apps or websites that have audio readings of the Bible. (<https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/audio/>)
- d. As you read or listen to the scripture, consider asking yourself (or those with you) any of these questions.
  - i. What do you think is the key message of this section/chapter? Why do you think this?
  - ii. What did you learn from this section/chapter?
  - iii. Which point in this chapter spoke to you the most? How did it affect you?
  - iv. What is one passage that encourages you? How does it encourage you?
  - v. What is one passage that challenges you to change? How does it challenge you?
- 5. Conclude with a personal prayer of reflection and conversation with God. Play instrumental music in the background if you desire.

If your children are at home with you, we encourage you to incorporate them into this opportunity through coloring, reading, and responding. If you have a children's bible at home, you could choose to read one of the scripture stories from your children's bible.

If you don't have a printer at home,

1. You could paste the images into a "paint" program on your computer and use the tools there to color in the image. It will be a little different but is an option.
2. You could alternatively participate in doodle art.
  - a. Grab a piece of paper and writing utensil.
  - b. Put your writing utensil to the paper and without picking it up draw a line all along the paper in whatever direction or pattern you would like for as long as you would like.
  - c. Once you pick up your utensil, color in the spaces that are fully enclosed.
  - d. Rough rendition below:





## Lenten Prayers

Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility. He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man And giving His life on the Cross. Help us to bear witness to You By following His example of suffering And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.

God of spirit and truth, you alone satisfy our dry and weary souls. Let us drink from the spring of your mercy so that we may never be thirsty for the gift of your saving love; through Jesus Christ, the water of life. Amen.

Loving God, giver of all light and life, you sent Jesus Christ into the world not to condemn, but to save. Help us to lift up the light of Christ so that the world might believe in him and receive the gift of eternal life; through Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Teach us to take up the cross of Christ with grateful hearts and humble spirits, offering all for the sake of the gospel, so that we may receive life in fullness; through Christ, who is coming in glory. Amen

God of the lost, the least, and all who long for home, when we wander from your ways and waste the gifts you have given us, welcome us back, we pray, so that we may celebrate and rejoice in your presence forever; through Jesus Christ your beloved Son. Amen.

God of patience and compassion cause our lives to bear good fruit – the fruit of repentance – so that others may taste and see your goodness and grace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.