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First Quarter Prayer Calendar 2018

..FOCUS . WISDOM ..PROVERBS ..

PROVERBS: A collection of wise sayings & good advice for daily living. The book reminds us that, The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge (1:7) The first four chapters go on to discuss the importance of wisdom.

WISDOM: Knowledge guided by insight & understanding. Reverence for God is the source of wisdom. A distinct category of literature in the Bible, including, Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, & some Psalms. Important ethical & philosophical issues of life- - The meaning of suffering, the nature and purpose of God, human relationship, etc.

JANUARY PRAYERS:

NEW YEARS DAY . . JANUARY 1st . .Ruler of all things, You created the sun, stars, and moon to mark passage of time. On this day, You have blessed us with the beginning of another year under Your mercy & grace. We give You thanks for Your many blessings & implore You to grant us a year filled with the continue abundance of Your good gifts, that we may live in peace and quietness. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR'S DAY . JANUARY 22nd . .Almighty God, You have freed us from the bondage of sin by the saving work of Your Son. By Your grace, free us from the multitude of challenges that prevent our living in peace and harmony with others. Destroy the conflicts that separate us that in You we might be set free from harmful words and actions, that such conflicts create. Enable us to live in peace and joy together; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURES:

Week of the 1st-6th . .PROVERBS 1:1-2 (NIV) The Proverbs of Solomon, son of David, King of Israel (2) For attaining wisdom and discipline; for understanding words of insight.

Week of the 7th-13th . .PROVERBS 1:3-4 (NIV) For acquiring a discipline and prudent life, doing what is right and just and fair, (4) For giving prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the young . .

Week of the 14th-20th . . PROVERBS 1:5-6 (NIV) Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance (6) For understanding Proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise . .

Week of the 21st-31st . .PROVERBS 1:7 (NIV) The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

FEBRUARY PRAYERS:

ASH WEDNESDAY . . FEB. 14th . . Dear Lord Jesus, the forty days of Lent begin as we approach Your altar to receive the sign of the cross in ashes upon our forehead. Palms welcomed You into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday, now their ashes remind us of our sinful and wretched state before You, through grace, have bestowed full pardon and forgiveness upon us. Grant us Your peace. Amen.

PRESIDENT'S DAY . . FEB. 19th . .Dear Lord, ruler of nations, You place in authority those who would rule over us. Guard and guide our president and all authority in their terms of office that they may serve You in all they do and say. Surround them with sage counsel, granting our nation's leaders wisdom and strength to govern well, protecting all citizens, and bringing peace as they perform their duties. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURES:

Week of the 1st-10th . .PROVERBS 1:8-9 (NIV) Listen, my son to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. (9) They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.

Week of the 11th-17th . .PROVERBS 1:10,15 . .(NIV)My son, if sinners entice you, do not give in to them. (15) My son do not go along with them, do not set foot on their paths.

Week of the 18th-28th . . PROVERBS 1:19 (NIV) such is the end of all who go after ill-gotten gain; it takes away the lives of those who get it.

MARCH PRAYERS

PALM SUNDAY . .MAR. 25th.. Heavenly Father, Your Son, Jesus, declared that, if the disciples would not praise Him, the rocks would cry out. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, open our lips, loosen our tongues, and turn our stony hearts to faith, that we may join the exultation, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the Highest!" (Matthew 21:9). We pray in the name of Jesus, who shall come again. Amen.

HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY . .MARCH 29th . .O Holy Spirit, on this dearest and best of all nights, the night our Lord gave us His Holy Communion, guard our hearts from unbelief! Preserve us from all wavering and all doubt, in order that we each may firmly believe the Word and Promise Jesus spoke to all Christians at His final meal before His crucifixion: "This is My body, and this is My blood, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY . .MARCH 30th . .The only good thing about this Friday, Lord, is the good You have provided to us through Your bitter suffering and death upon the cross. We thank You that, through Baptism, You have declared Your death to be our death, in order that we may never die. By the power of Your resurrection, allow us also to rise to life eternal, for You live forever with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen

SCRIPTURES: WARNING AGAINST REJECTING WISDOM

Week of the 1st-10th . .PROVERBS 1:20-21 (NIV) Wisdom calls aloud in the street, she raises her voice in the public squares; (21) At the head of the noisy streets she cries out in the gateways of the city she makes her speech.

Week of the 11th-17th . . PROVERBS 1:22-23 (NIV) How long will you simple ones love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge? (23) If you had responded to My rebuke, I would have poured out My heart to you and made My thoughts known to you.

Week of the 18th-24th . .PROVERBS 1:24-26 (NIV) But since you rejected Me when I called and no one gave heed when I stretched out My hand, (25) Since you ignored My advice and would not accept My rebuke. (26) I in turn will laugh at your disaster, I will mock when calamity over takes you.

Week of the 25th-31st . .PROVERBS 1:28 (NIV) Then they will call to Me but I will not answer; they will look for Me but will not find Me.