

LENTEN JOURNEY 2025:

WALKING TOWARD HOPE



FOURTH WEEK OF LENT: LOVE & SERVANTHOOD

This calendar guides you through the 40 days of Lent (not counting Sundays) plus Easter Week. Each day offers scripture, reflection, and a simple practice to deepen your faith and prepare your heart for the joy of Easter. The practices are designed for real life — accessible regardless of your circumstances or where you are in your Christian journey. May this season bring you closer to Christ and the renewal He offers.

This week we focus on love and servanthood. Jesus teaches that true greatness comes through serving others, and that love isn't just a feeling but a way of being that transforms our relationships with God and each other. As we reflect on Biblical teachings about selfless love, we're invited to put these principles into practice in our daily lives.

SUNDAY (March 30) Fourth Sunday of Lent

Today's Reading: Matthew 23:1-12

4th Sunday

"The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted." (Matthew 23:11-12)

Jesus turns our notions of greatness upside down, teaching that true leadership means serving others.

Today's Practice

Reflect on how Jesus washed his disciples' feet. How might this example change how you interact with others today?

MONDAY (March 31) Fourth Week of Lent

Today's Reading: Mark 10:35-45

Day 23

"For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)
Jesus models servanthood not as an occasional act but as a way of life and identity.

Today's Practice

Look for one simple way to serve someone else today without expecting recognition or thanks.

TUESDAY (April 1) Fourth Week of Lent

Today's Reading: John 15:1-17

Day 24

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love." (John 15:9)

The love we're called to show others isn't generated by our own efforts but flows from God's love for us.

Today's Practice

Take a moment to visualize yourself surrounded by God's love. From this place of being loved, consider how you might share that love with someone today.

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection." (Romans 12:9-10)

Christian love isn't mere sentiment but active commitment to good, expressed through concrete actions toward others.

Today's Practice

Pay attention to small opportunities to show kindness today. Remember that in each of these moments, you're participating in God's love.

THURSDAY (April 3) Fourth Week of Lent

Today's Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Day 26

"Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." (Romans 13:8)

Paul suggests that love is the one debt we should always be paying—an ongoing obligation that fulfills God's purposes.

Today's Practice

Consider if there's someone you find difficult to love. Ask God to help you see them through His eyes.

FRIDAY (April 4) Fourth Week of Lent

Today's Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Day 27

"Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude." (1 Corinthians 13:4)

Paul's famous words remind us that love is known by its qualities in action, not just by feelings or words.

Today's Practice

Choose one quality of love from today's verse and focus on practicing it in your interactions.

SATURDAY (April 5) Fourth Week of Lent

Today's Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Day 28

"God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them." (1 John 4:16)

When we choose to live in love, we're not just following rules—we're dwelling in God's very presence.

Today's Practice

At several points today, pause and remember that God is with you and within you. How might this awareness change how you treat yourself and others?

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