



Pathways Monthly Prayer Readings

February 2025

<p>Quotes for February</p>	<p>Oscar Romero (1917-1980) Archbishop of San Salvador, spoke out against social injustice and violence by the Salvadorian military regime. He was shot by an assassin in 1980, while celebrating Mass and declared a martyr by Pope Francis in 2015.</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 4 Contemplative Sit</p>	<p><i>Let us not tire of preaching love, for this is the force that will overcome the world. Let us never tire of preaching love. Even if we see waves of violence coming to drown out the fire of Christian love, love must win out. It is the only thing that can.</i> Oscar Romero, homily, September 25, 1977</p>
<p>Wednesday, February 5 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>Then I heard the Lord's voice saying, "Whom should I send, and who will go for us?" I said, "I'm here; send me." Isaiah 6:8 (CEB)</p>
<p>Thursday, February 6 Centering Prayer</p>	<p>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe, you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies, your right hand shall save me. You will make good your purpose for me; O God, your love endures for ever, do not abandon the works of your hands. Psalm 138: 8-9 (St. Helena Psalter)</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 11 Contemplative Sit</p>	<p><i>I don't want to be an anti, against anybody. I simply want to be the builder of a great affirmation: the affirmation of God, who loves us and who wants to save us.</i> Oscar A. Romero, <u>The Violence Of Love</u></p>
<p>Wednesday, February 12 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>Happy are those who trust in the Lord, who rely on the Lord. They will be like trees planted by the streams, whose roots reach down to the water. They won't fear drought when it comes; their leaves will remain green.</p>

	They won't be stressed in the time of drought or fail to bear fruit. Jeremiah 17:7-8 (CEB)
Thursday, February 13 Centering Prayer	Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful! Their delight is in the law of the Holy One, and they meditate on that law day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, everything they do shall prosper. Psalm 1:1-3 (St. Helena Psalter)
Tuesday, February 18 Contemplative Sit	<i>There are many things that can only be seen through eyes that have cried.</i> Oscar A. Romero
Wednesday, February 19 Lectio Divina	Then Joseph said to his brothers...do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life...God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here but God. Genesis 45:5, 7-8a (NRSV)
Thursday, February 20 Centering Prayer Psalm	Be still before God; for God wait patiently. Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes. Psalm 37:7-8 (St. Helena Psalter)
Tuesday, February 25 Contemplative Sit	<i>Peace is not the product of terror or fear.</i> <i>Peace is not the silence of cemeteries.</i> <i>Peace is not the silent result of violent repression.</i> <i>Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all.</i> <i>Peace is dynamism.</i> <i>Peace is generosity.</i> <i>It is right and it is duty.</i> Oscar Romero, Homily, January 7, 1978
Wednesday, February 26 Lectio Divina Transfiguration	Whenever anyone turns to our God, the veil is removed. Now our God is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of our God is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces reflect our God's glory, grow brighter and brighter as we are being transformed into the image we reflect.

	<p>This is the work of our God, who is Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:16-18 (The Inclusive Bible)</p>
<p>Thursday, February 27 Centering Prayer</p>	<p>God reigns; let the people tremble, God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake... “O mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness. We proclaim your greatness, O God. Psalm 99: 1, 4-5a (St. Helena Psalter)</p>

I said once before and I repeat today, sisters and brothers, that if some sad day they silence our radio and stop us from writing in our newspaper, then all of you who believe must become microphones, radio stations, and loudspeakers—not by talking but by living the faith. – from a homily in 1978

A community is a family that believes; it is a group where each member accepts God and feels strengthened by the others. In their moments of weakness, they help one another and love one another; they shed the light of their faith as an example for others. When that happens, the preachers no longer need to preach because there are Christians whose very lives have become a form of preaching. – from a homily in 1978

Beautiful is the moment in which we understand that we are **no more than an instrument of God**; we live only as long as God wants us to live; we can only do as much as God makes us able to do; we are only as intelligent as God would have us be.