

**Pathways Monthly Prayer Readings**  
March 2026



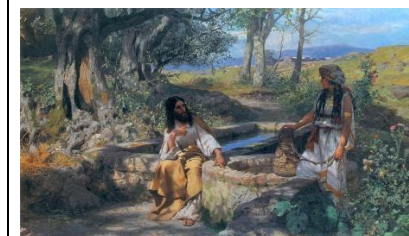
Desmond Tutu (1931-2021) was a South African Anglican bishop and theologian, known for his work as an anti-apartheid and human rights activist for which he was awarded the Noble Peace Prize in 1985. Following his retirement from public life in 2010, he continued to speak out on a wide range of subjects, among them gay rights, his opposition to the Iraq War, and describing Israel's treatment of Palestinians as apartheid.

Tuesday, March 3  
Contemplative Sit

*Too frequently we think we have to do spectacular things.  
Yet if we remember that the sea is actually  
made up of drops of water and each drop counts,  
each one of us can do our little bit where we are.  
Those little bits can come together  
and almost overwhelm the world.  
Each one of us can be an oasis of peace.*

Wednesday, March 4  
Lectio Divina


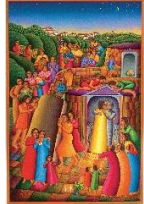
Jesus responded, "If you recognized God's gift and who is saying to you, 'Give me some water to drink,' you would be asking him and he would give you living water." ...  
"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life."  
John 4:10, 13-14 (CEB)




*Christ and the Samaritan Woman, 1890, Siemiradzki, Henry, 1843-1902, Lviv Ukraine*

Thursday, March 5  
Centering Prayer

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,  
and kneel before God, our Maker.  
For you are our God,  
and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep  
of your hand.  
Oh, that today we would harken to your voice!  
Psalm 95:6-7 (St. Helena Psalter)

<p>Tuesday, March 10 Contemplative Sit</p>	<p><i>When we see others as the enemy, we risk becoming what we hate. When we oppress others, we end up oppressing ourselves. All of our humanity is dependent upon recognizing the humanity in others.</i></p>	
<p>Wednesday, March 11 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of the One who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." John 9:1-5 (NRSV)</p>	 <p><i>Blind Beggar</i> Bastien-Lepage, Jules, 1848-1884 Tournai, France</p>
<p>Thursday, March 12 Centering Prayer</p>	<p>O God, you are my shepherd, I shall not be in want. You make me lie down in green pastures and lead me beside still waters. You revive my soul and guide me along right pathways for the sake of your Name. Psalm 23:1-3 (St. Helena Psalter)</p>	
<p>Tuesday, March 17 Contemplative Sit</p>	<p><i>If we have loved well while we were alive, there is life after death here – our love will go on for generations.</i></p>	
<p>Wednesday, March 18 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>Jesus told Martha, "I am the Resurrection, and I am Life: those who believe in me will live, even if they die; and those who are alive and believe in me will never die. Do you believe this? John 11:25-26 (The Inclusive Bible)</p>	 <p><i>Take Away the Stone</i> John August Swanson, 2005 Los Angeles, CA</p>

<p>Thursday, March 19 Centering Prayer</p>	<p>I hope, Lord. My whole being hopes, and I wait for God's promise. My whole being waits for my Lord— more than the night watch waits for morning; yes, more than the night watch waits for morning! Israel, wait for the Lord! Because faithful love is with the Lord; because great redemption is with our God! Psalm 130:5-7 (CEB)</p>	
<p>Tuesday, March 24 Contemplative Sit</p>	<p><i>Frequently people think compassion and love are merely sentimental. No! They are very demanding. If you are going to be compassionate, be prepared for action.</i></p>	
<p>Wednesday, March 25 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred to its depths, demanding, “Who is this?” And the crowd kept answering: “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee!” Matthew 21:10-11 (Inclusive Bible)</p>	 <p><i>Entry of Christ into Jerusalem</i> 1912, Morgner, Wilhelm, 1891-1917, Dortmund, Germany</p>
<p>Thursday, March 26 Centering Prayer</p>	<p>God is the Holy One who has shined upon us; form a procession with branches... “You are my God, and I will thank you; You are my God, and I will exalt you.” Give thanks to God who is good, God's mercy endures forever. Psalm 118:27-29</p>	
<p>Tuesday, March 31 Contemplative Sit</p>	<p><i>In the end what matters is not how good we are but how good God is. Not how much we love Him but how much He loves us. And God loves us whoever we are, whatever we've done or failed to do, whatever we believe or can't.</i></p>	

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”

— Desmond Tutu

“We may be surprised at the people we find in heaven. God has a soft spot for sinners. His standards are quite low.”

— Desmond Tutu

“Differences are not intended to separate, to alienate. We are different precisely in order to realize our need of one another.”

— Desmond Tutu

“Forgiving and being reconciled to our enemies or our loved ones are not about pretending that things are other than they are. It is not about patting one another on the back and turning a blind eye to the wrong. True reconciliation exposes the awfulness, the abuse, the hurt, the truth. It could even sometimes make things worse. It is a risky undertaking but in the end it is worthwhile, because in the end only an honest confrontation with reality can bring real healing. Superficial reconciliation can bring only superficial healing.”

— Desmond Tutu

“We are made for goodness. We are made for love. We are made for friendliness. We are made for togetherness. We are made for all of the beautiful things that you and I know. We are made to tell the world that there are no outsiders. All are welcome: black, white, red, yellow, rich, poor, educated, not educated, male, female, gay, straight, all, all, all. We all belong to this family, this human family, God's family.”

— Archbishop Desmond Tutu