



Leaning into the Heart of the Holy

2016 Lenten Devotions

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As we lean into the heart of the Holy during these forty days of Lent, let us learn to lean daily on the strong presence of our Heavenly Father. Let God's strong arms enfold us, protecting us from all that is wrong both in our lives and in our world. Let God's eyes seek out anything that might harm us or hurt us and divert us from those glancing blows and attacks. Let God's feet, firmly planted in Truth and Love, keep us steady as we walk through our days. Let God's heart become our heart, looking with love and not judgment on all who cross our paths. Allow the Holy Spirit to be our guide through all of our lives. Let us carry on into the days following Lent, remembering the love and sacrifice which bought us and be ever trusting and thankful.

To God be the glory.

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." II Corinthians 13:14

Prayer:

God of infinite love,
May I bend my life and will toward you
So that I might hear your voice more clearly.
I thank you for each reminder of your love
and for your call to be more patient,
gentle and compassionate with others.
As I continue the path of this Lenten journey,
and in every day to come,
Open my mind, soften my heart,
Help me to let go of judging others
And to accept them because they, too,
are created in your image. Amen.

Romans 1:8-17

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. For God, whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the gospel of his Son, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers, asking that by God's will I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you. For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as I have among the rest of the Gentiles. I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish — hence my eagerness to proclaim the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith."