**[Morning and Evening Prayers for Lent](http://godspace.wordpress.com/2010/02/16/morning-and-evening-prayers-for-lent/" \o "Morning and Evening Prayers for Lent)**

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Those of us who live at the Mustard Seed House say prayers together each morning and evening.  This doesn’t happen every day but usually 4 – 5 times a week.  Here are the prayers that we plan to use this year during the Lenten season

**Morning Prayer for Lent – A Litany of Repentance**

God, all-loving and all-caring,

We come before you with hesitant steps and uncertain motives

**Our hearts are parched from wandering in a desert of sin.**

We want to sweep out the corners where sin has accumulated

And uncover the places where we have strayed from your truth

**Our hearts are parched from wandering in a desert of sin.**

We ask for courage to open our eyes and unstop our ears

That we may be aware of all that distracts us from a whole-hearted commitment to Christ

**Our hearts are parched from wandering in a desert of sin.**

We want to see ourselves as you do and live our lives as you intended

Expose in us the empty and barren places where we have not allowed you to enter

**Our hearts are parched from wandering in a desert of sin.**

Reveal to us our half-hearted struggles,

Where we have been indifferent to the pain and suffering of others

**Our hearts are parched from wandering in a desert of sin.**

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a right Spirit within us

Nurture the faint stirrings of new life where your spirit has taken root and begun to grow

**Our hearts are parched from wandering in a desert of sin.**

We long for your healing light to transform us into the image of your Son,

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For you alone can bring new life and make us whole

**In your mercy, shine upon us, O God, and make our path clear before us.**

***Pause to remind yourself of your own brokenness and need for repentance***

God of mercy, come

Into the hidden places of our hearts

Forgive our sins and make us whole.

**Christ of compassion, come**

**Into the broken places of our world**

**Bring us to repentance and renew us.**

Spirit of life, come

Into the polluted places of our lives

Have mercy on us and draw us close.

**Son of the living God, Christ crucified**

**Forgive us, heal us, redeem us,**

**Lead us from death to eternal life.**

Scriptures for the Day from Daily Lectionary

***Pause to reflect on the scriptures to think about those things that vie for your attention and distract you from a whole-hearted commitment to Christ.***

**Things that clutter and consume,**

**We lay them down.**

**Attitudes that separate and divide,**

**We lay them down.**

**Thoughts that confuse and disrupt,**

**We lay them down.**

**Into the cycle of living and dying and rising again,**

**We lay them down.**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours. Now and forever. Amen.**

***(Pause to offer up your own prayers of intercession)***

God, you are good and upright, and you instruct sinners in your ways,

Show us how to break down the barriers separating us from each other,

**Lead us through the wilderness sin has created to find new life.**

Forgive us for the times we have abandoned the poor, the disabled, and the homeless,

Teach us to live by the law of love in unity, peace, and harmony.

**Lead us through the wilderness sin has created to find new life.**

Forgive us for the ways we exclude people of different race, culture, or gender,

Guide us that we may come to mutual understanding and care.

**Lead us through the wilderness sin has created to find new life.**

Draw us into your community to embrace those with whom we need to be reconciled,

Grant that all who seek to heal divisions between peoples may have hope.

**Lead us through the wilderness sin has created to find new life.**

Show us your ways, O Lord,

Teach us your paths and guide us towards your truth.

**Lead us through the wilderness sin has created to find new life.**

***Pause to offer your own prayers of repentance and forgiveness***

May the God of creation breathe on you,

May the God of all life sustain you,

May the God of all Gods grant you forgiveness.

**Go into the day knowing your life has been touched by the triune God**

**You are cleansed by the mercy of God**

**You are surrounded by the love of Christ**

**You are filled with the power of the Spirit**

**Amen**

**Evening Prayer for Lenten Season**

Let us seek the living God whose love is close at hand,

May we pray to the One who waits patiently to be found by us.

**May we abandon our dishonest ways,**

**And give up our unrighteous thoughts.**

Come back to God with repentant hearts,  
Come fasting and weeping, sorry for your sins.

**God is merciful and kind to those who return,**

**God’s love is extravagant and forgiving to all who come near.**

Change your life and not just your clothes,  
Come back to our God who never leaves us alone.

**Though our sins are like scarlet wounds,**

**They will be washed away and become white as snow.**

(*Pause to remind yourself of the places in which you have experienced God’s forgiveness and redemptive love)*

Have mercy on us, O God,  
Because of your unfailing love.  
**Because of your great compassion,  
Blot out the sins that stain us.**Wash us clean from our guilt,

And purify our hearts from our sin.

**Renew our inner spirit to become steadfast and unswerving,**

**So that we will be willing to obey you.**

Do not turn us away from your loving presence O God,

Restore the joy of your salvation within us.

**The sacrifice you desire is a penitent spirit,  
You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God**

***Read evening psalms for the day from the Daily Lectionary***

God may we reach within this night,

To the hidden places of our souls.

**May we uncover the sins that bind us.**

May we reach without this night,

Into the brokenness of our world.

**May we expose our indifference to its cries.**

May we reach down this night,

Into the pollution of creation.

**May we admit to our part in its contamination.**

God may we reach upward this night,

Into your forgiving embrace.

**May we find the joy of eternal life.**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours. Now and forever. Amen.**

***(Pause to offer up your own prayers and intercessions)***

Lord we have denied you,

Each time we refused to see you in the faces of the hungry and the homeless.

**May the old in us pass away and all things become new.**

Lord we have betrayed you ,

Each time we have kept our distance from the anguish of the oppressed and the persecuted.

**May the old in us pass away and all things become new.**

Lord we have mocked you,

Each time we have pretended we do not know how radically you call us to live.

**May the old in us pass away and all things become new.**

Lord we are lost and have strayed,

Welcome us into your forgiving arms and make us new.

**May the old in us pass away and all things become new.**

All merciful One, God of infinite love and compassion, though we have strayed you have never abandoned us.  In this season of repentance we come confessing our sins and reaching out for the healing power of your forgiveness.  Through Christ our Lord, give us renewed and truthful hearts that will follow you in all of our ways.

Righteous God,

Compassionate and generous one

Who forgives our sins and has mercy on us

**Fill our hidden places with your healing light,**

**Breathe on us afresh this night and grant us rest.**

May your compassion bloom in us

May your righteousness bear fruit

May your generosity encourage us to share

**May your love grow strong and deep within us**

**Breathe on us afresh this night and grant us rest.**

**Amen**