

LENT

Praying Together

During the six weeks of Lent, the Faith Formation Team would like to invite you to have a short devotion time at the beginning of your family or group gathering. Please read the three verses from Psalm 51:10-12 each time you meet. Select one of the prayers that corresponds to one of the six sections of those verses and pray it together. Then, invite someone to offer any prayer requests or petitions they have.

Suggestions

- You may invite those gathered to reflect silently or aloud about the verses
- You may ask someone present to read the verses aloud.

It is our prayer that this will be a blessing to you.

Grace and peace,

The Good Shepherd Faith Formation Team

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Psalm 51:10-12

**¹⁰Create in me
a clean heart,
O God,**

God of grace, because of your love we were created and because of your grace we are forgiven. Remind us each day that we are made new creations through your Son. Guide us with our newly clean hearts to share your love with the world. **Amen.**

**and put a new
and right spirit
within me,**

Holy God, Thank you for the blessing you offer of daily renewal. It is only through your grace that I may start each morning fresh, my sins forgiven and my spirit readied to love. Wrap me in your Spirit so that my life reflects your grace and mercy, and help me forgive others as you forgive me. In the name of Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

**¹¹Do not cast me
away from your
presence,**

Lord, You have told us you are with us always. In your presence we find rest and peace. Help us to open our hearts and breathe in awareness of this gift. We pray for strength to accept this gift and live in the fullness it provides each moment of life. In your loving presence, **Amen.**

**and do not take
your holy spirit
from me.**

Dear Lord, You made us. You created us to be our best selves with Your holy spirit as a guide. Without Your spirit we lose our way, we feel separated from You. We need, but do not feel Your presence, and we are not comforted. Sometimes we stop following your perfect plan for us. When we are unable to find the words, direct us back to You, and make us right with You. In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

**¹²Restore to me
the joy of your
salvation,**

Father forgive us for seeking happiness in the wrong places. Guide us to a deeper relationship with you through prayer and quiet time. It is only in your presence that we find true joy both now and eternally. **Amen.**

**and sustain
in me a
willing spirit.**

Lord bless us with the inspiration, motivation, and strength we need to get up and do what needs to be done for your kingdom's sake. **Amen.**