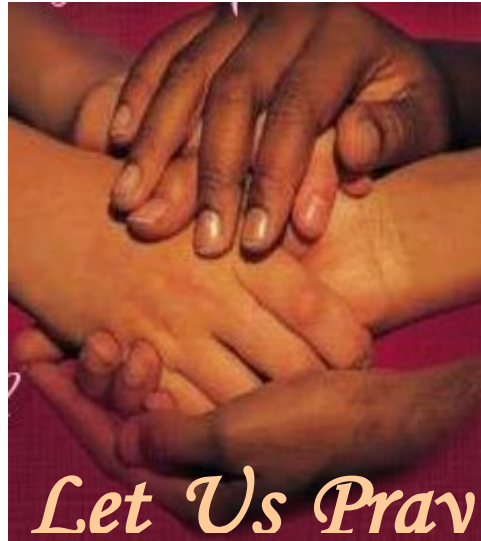


2021 LENTEN STUDY: *Let Us Pray...*



Format:

- Weekly emails with prayers for each day of Lent, beginning Ash Wednesday (2/17/21)
- Five 1 Hour ZOOM Discussion Calls @ 7 :00pm
Feb 23 (Tue); Mar 1 (Mon); Mar 8 (Mon); Mar 15 (Mon) ; Mar 23 (Tue)
Note : Advance sign-up is required to receive the ZOOM link. You may sign up via the church website, or by responding to the weekly prayer email.

This unique study – based on a different prayer each day – will guide us from Ash Wednesday through Holy Week to the Resurrection at Easter.

Through Prayer we will explore other aspects of Lent:

- Preparation
- Reflection
- Reconciliation
- Renewal

During weekly ZOOM review sessions, we will consider questions such as:

- What is prayer?
- Is there a correct way to pray?
- Is it right to pray for personal gain?
- What have I discovered about myself and prayer?

We are hoping for 100% participation so we may all experience this enriched Lenten season together. If you have any questions, please contact the office or Pastor Orr.

2021 Lenten Study – *Let Us Pray . . .* An Introductory Message from Pastor Orr

Our world was turned upside down back in March of 2020. As the worldwide pandemic has spread across the globe, we have seen the loss of life, loss of jobs, loss of businesses, loss of family, loss of being able to be together, and the loss of gathering together to worship face to face. We have experienced a sense of division in our nation and great differences in how we feel about our government and our leaders. We have indeed been challenged by the events of 2020 and now those that are rolling into 2021.

I know in your own way you have been praying for all the concerns mentioned and even some that may not have been stated. As your Spiritual Director I would like to do something different for Lent this year. Historical thinking says we have to give up something for Lent. Since I've been here at Northgate, I've tried to get you to see you could *take on something, in place of giving up something*. It is all about doing something in a disciplined manner during our Lenten time.

I would like to invite you to enter into a time of Prayer during Lent; I do believe that prayer changes things and would like for us to enter into a daily prayer practice with a different designated prayer we would each pray each day. I will supply the prayers for each week. On Monday evenings we will have a ZOOM meeting to review and discuss the prior week's prayers and how we feel.

The first week's review will cover:

- What is prayer?
- Is there a correct way to pray?
- What are the basic elements of a prayer?

The second week's review will cover:

- Are our prayers heard?
- Are our prayers answered?

The third week's review will cover:

- Can we be selfish with our prayers?
- Is it right to pray for personal gain?

The fourth week's review will cover

- What have I discovered in this time of prayer?
- What have I discovered about myself and prayer?

The fifth week's review will cover:

- Where do we go from here?