

Lenten Prayers 2010—Week 1

Create in me a



**clean
heart,**

*O God,
and put a new &
right
spirit
within
me.*



Psalm 51:10

1st Sunday in Lent — 21st February.

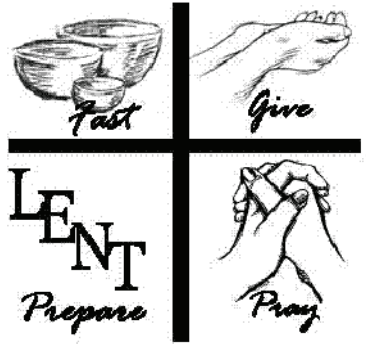
We come to God as we are:

we come with a history of rights and wrongs, we come with a past of shaky discipleship, we come with the chequered mixture called life.

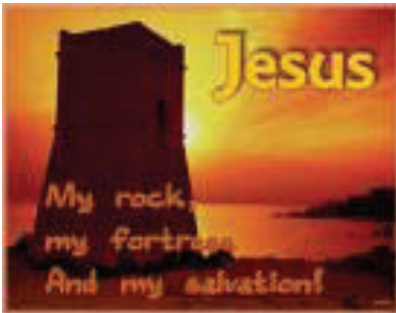
We long to stay with what is familiar, to cling to the comfortable, the predictable; to hold to the past, to find our security in a world of our making.

But God calls us to move on:

to enter the place of reflection and change, to be confronted and challenged with reality, to encounter the life-giving presence within.



Monday 22nd February



Gathering God, our rock and shelter, - We are here to meet with you.

Summoning God, our joy and adventure, - We are here to meet with you.

From what we know to what we

have yet to discover - God is calling us on.

From all that binds us, to the truth which frees us - God is calling us on.

From the blessings of today to the possibilities of tomorrow - God is calling us on.

Tuesday 23rd February

God, if anyone can cope with us
you can.
Here is all the stuff which
weighs us down - you won't look
the other way.
But take it off our hands.
Set us free, forgive us.
And show us here and now ,
the people you know we can be.



Wednesday 24h February

*When we are happy, when we are full of sadness
GOD WELCOMES US WITH LOVE.
When we are bewildered, when we are full of questions
GOD WELCOMES US WITH LOVE.
When we are joyful. When we are full of wonder,
GOD WELCOMES US WITH LOVE.*

Thursday 25th February



Forgive us Father, for all the
times we label others, forgetting
each one is made and loved by
you.
Forgive us Jesus, for the little
choices that blind us to the pain

we cause others. Living God, pour your grace on us
that we may find the courage to change and honour
your love for us.

Friday 26th February

Father, you have taught us to overcome our sins by prayer, fasting, and works of mercy.

When we are discouraged by our weakness, give us confidence in Your love.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, Who lives and reigns with Your and the Holy Spirit One God, for ever and ever.

Saturday 27th February

Jesus was tempted in the desert, but even though he was tired and hungry, He did what was right.

Sometimes it's hard to do what is right and good. Tell God, or show God in your heart, one time when it was hard for you to do what was right and good. Take your time telling or showing this to God. Then, ask God to help you to remember that he's always with you; and then, when you are ready, picture God with you in that hard time or show God what made this hard for you.

