



# life renewed

## WEEKLY TOPICS FOR PREACHING DIRECTION

Want to connect your sermon with themes in the devotional from the past week? Here is the prayer from each day to give you some direction.

### March

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- 5** Creator God, in the stillness of our hearts we know that you alone are the source of all life. When anxiety overwhelms us and everything seems out of control, may your presence beside us be our peace.
  - 6** God of boundless grace, you made us in your image. Help us to live tenderly in community. Forgive us when we fail to love our neighbors as you intend.
  - 7** God, help us to stop. Help us to listen. Help us to wonder anew at the freedom we have in you. You are our rest and our refuge.
  - 8** God, thank you for preserving the life of this world you made. Baptized in the name of Jesus, we are united with Christ in his dying and in his rising. Thank you for saving us with your love.
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- 9** God who makes all things new, we delight in the sweetness of your presence. Reveal to us the beauty and possibility you inspire all around us. Lead us to life.
  - 10** In the storms of life, dear God, give us glimpses of the hope to which you have called us. Remind us that we are never alone.
  - 11** God, help us speak out against violence and abuse. Show us the way of nonviolence and peace.
  - 12** Powerful God, sustain us in times of grief and loss. May we lean on the provisions of your word and on the people who care for us.
  - 13** Giving God, your love holds nothing back. Infuse our lives with gratitude and generosity.
  - 14** God of many blessings, your love encompasses this whole world. Help us to live like we are truly blessed.
  - 15** God of freedom, we give thanks for your living word and for the messengers who proclaim it. Let the power of your faithful presence strengthen, encourage, and free us to believe that our lives are secure in your hands.
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- 16** God almighty, we thank you for the ways we find inspiration in scripture. Move in our hearts so that we can embrace the new life you have set before us in Christ Jesus.
- 17** We thank you, Faithful One, for sending your light to guide us through difficult and uncertain times. Fill us with the light of your love and renew our confidence in your salvation.
- 18** Mysterious God, you have brought us a mighty long way, through dangers seen and unseen, through ups and downs and fearful trials. Inspire us to share the testimony of what we have experienced because your love would not leave us where we did not belong. Give us safe spaces where we can share the wonders of what you have done for us.
- 19** God Almighty, we give thanks for your love that appears in countless ways. Renew our trust and our joy in your power to save us—and your promise to set us free to serve in your name.
- 20** Every time we feel the Spirit moving in our hearts we will pray, we will move, and we will remember Miriam's invitation to dance with joy because the Lord has done great things for us. Move us, dear God, to honor your gift of freedom and the wonders of your amazing grace.
- 21** I love your smile, Lord Jesus, when I imagine how you welcomed misfits and social rejects to eat and drink with you. Keep calling us to your table, that we may eat the bread of forgiveness and drink the wine of compassion.
- 22** Open our hearts to the voice of your love, O Lord, that we may rest secure in your presence.
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- 23** Keep calling to us, Lord Jesus, for you have set before us an open door.
- 24** By your death and resurrection, Lord Jesus, remind us that the end is always life.
- 25** Speak in the snow and the rain, Lord Jesus, that we may know your promise is sure.
- 26** Your love is the sum of all wisdom, Holy One. Open our hearts that we may see as you see and love as you love.
- 27** Jesus, divine wisdom, help us to follow in your way of death and resurrection that we may shine with the light of your presence.
- 28** Give us eyes to see and savor every moment of blessed oneness, O Lord, that we may feel your heart and share your Work.
- 29** Give us new hearts, O Lord, that we may live with gratitude and compassion.
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- 30** When things seem hopeless, O God, guide us to remember, rebuild, and repair as you desire.
- 31** Holy Spirit, breathe into us the creative life force that we need for the work of restoration.

## April

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- 1** When we feel as if there is no hope, O God, remind us of your abiding love. Hold us fast when we cannot cling to you.

- 2 God of justice and might, help us to forgive our neighbor, as you have forgiven us.
  - 3 Eternal Song, thank you for the music that touches our lives. Keep us connected to you and to each other.
  - 4 Mothering God, we long for your warm embrace. Open our hearts to see how this embrace is for all.
  - 5 O Watchful One, your love fills all creation. Thank you for your presence with us in all times and in all places.
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- 6 O God of the wind and the seas, sustain us in life's raging storms and bring us to the miracle of life that never ends.
  - 7 O God, you inhabit the vast and dark expanses of the universe as well as the depths of the grave. Speak to us through the darkness, that we might be renewed in resurrection hope.
  - 8 O living breath of God, resurrection air fills us with new life and new hope. Thank you for bringing us safely to the shores of the new creation.
  - 9 Create in us clean hearts, O God. Give us hearts that are supple, beating with the love of Christ.
  - 10 O Jesus, whose only garment was gambled away, clothe us with the garments of salvation and your robe of righteousness, sturdy garments sewn with your love for the world.
  - 11 Gracious maker of the universe and all that is in it, move us to plant the seeds of faith, hope, and love deep in the soil of our shared humanity.
  - 12 Steadfast God, sing to us with the song of hope and joy in your presence. Draw us close to you and defy the forces that distract us away from your love.
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- 13 Imaginative God, spark our imaginations to see the transformation you intend for your beloved creation. Inspire us to break down earthly illusions to build upon your promise of life in Jesus Christ.
- 14 Loving God, show us your presence in the ups and downs of life. Empower us to be your presence to others.
- 15 God of hope, your presence brings us to the place of insight. Help us to trust the hope of possibility, knowing that you are always in our midst.
- 16 Graceful God, you know what we need. Reveal to us your loving care. Help us to trust you to always meet us where we are with love and healing in Christ, our Lord.
- 17 God of hope, as we await your new creation, inspire us to see and be seen, to serve others and give of ourselves.
- 18 God of life, the cross of Christ is our hope and salvation. Show us the way of new life and fill us with hope as you bring the dust to life.
- 19 God of hope, carry us through the turning of death into life, through Jesus Christ who calls us by name and fills us with hope, by the power of the resurrection.