

READ Psalm 32:6-7

PRAYER - Creator God, you call us out of our comfort zones every day, challenging us to love bigger than our world is used to. However, your love is not just a push or a challenge. Your love is also a resting place, and sometimes I forget that. So today, I give you thanks for the moments when you hold my heart. Thank you for being my resting place. Amen.

Tempted

February 23

READ Matthew 4:1

PRAYER - Jesus, you know the wilderness just as much as I do. You know temptation. You know suffering. You know loneliness. You know hunger. Remind me in my hardest moments that you have been there too. I am not alone. Amen.

Gone astray

February 24

READ Genesis 4:8-10

PRAYER - God of Love, too often there is blood crying out from the ground—the blood of wars and abuse, of gun violence and mass shootings. The list goes on. So when I tell myself that I am not my sibling's keeper, remind me otherwise. Where there is violence, give me the strength to sow peace. Amen.

My sibling's keeper

February 25

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Into the depths

February 26

READ Micah 7:19

PRAYER - Dear God, sometimes sin seems to cling to me like a magnet. However, you promise to cast my sin into the depths of the sea. In other words, you pull my sin as far away as possible. There is nothing I could do to earn that, which is how I know you are a God of grace. Thank you for your undeserved love. It changes me. Amen.

Sincere faith

February 27

READ 2 Timothy 1:5

PRAYER - Creator God, faith has always been personal. It has always come with a name. Today I am particularly grateful for those who have gone before me—those who have taught me how to love and how to pray. Thank you for their presence in my life. Thank you for their gift of faith. Amen.

Do not be afraid

February 28

READ Matthew 17:5-7

PRAYER - God, I hate to admit that I know fear like the back of my hand. It comes too easily in this complicated world. So when I am in the wilderness of my own fear, drawn near to me. Give me the courage to be where my feet are. Give me the courage to be where you are. Amen.