

Morning

Sunday, March 22, Lent 5

Wilderness © A Sanctified Art

READ Psalm 143:8

PRAYER - God, at times I wonder if you created the sunrise to remind me that life can start over—life can have new beginnings. Today, I pray that you would warm my bones with your morning light so that I might feel you again. Let today be a new day, for as surely as the sun will rise, I will always need you. Amen.

Mortal

March 23

READ Ezekiel 37:3

PRAYER - God of the Wilderness, at times I feel like I am standing in a desert, like dry bones worn out by prejudice, grief, and the hurt of the world. Yet even in the desert wilderness, flowers bloom. Stir up hope in me. Bring new life my way, as only you can; for even in the desert, I know I am not alone. Amen.

Mine

March 24

READ Jeremiah 32:38

PRAYER - God, you call us into relationship. You claim us. You see us. You desire to be with us. Such love is too big for me to comprehend, so today I pray that you might open my heart to the relationship you offer. Remind me that I am yours, and you are mine. Amen.

Grace

March 25

READ Ephesians 2:8-9

PRAYER - God of grace, if salvation depended on me and my good works, I would be a lost cause, for I am too prone to sin. Today I thank you for your grace. I don't deserve it. I can't earn it, and still you offer it. There are simply not enough ways to say thank you. Amen.

Steadfast

March 26

Read Psalm 31:14-16

PRAYER - God, you never promised that a life of faith would be an easy life. There are days and moments that threaten to tear me apart. In those moments, remind me that I am not alone. You are steadfast. You are always with me. Warm me like the sun, and surround me with your presence. Amen.

Remember

March 27

READ Philippians 1:3

PRAYER - Gracious God, you have placed people in my life that I could not imagine living without—people that taught me the depths of my heart and my capacity to love. Remind me that these relationships are a gift and empower me to love these people as you would have me love. Amen.

Inhale

March 28

READ Psalm 118:28

PRAYER - Redeeming God, as I inhale, may my prayer be, "You are my God." And as I exhale, may my prayer be, "I will give thanks." May my faith be as constant as that—a deep breath in, and a deep breath out. And may your presence be as close as the air in my lungs. Amen.