

THE LESSONS APPOINTED FOR USE ON TUESDAY IN THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Isaiah 55:6–11

Matthew 6:7–15

Psalms 34:15–22

Preface of Lent

THE COLLECT

Grant to your people, Lord, grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only true God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT: ISAIAH 55:6–11

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

THE PSALM: PSALM 34: 15–22

- 15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, *
and his ears are open to their cry.
16. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
17. The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them *
and delivers them from all their troubles.
18. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.
19. Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.
20. He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.
21. Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
22. The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:7–15

Jesus said, “When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

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