

40 DAYS TO THE CROSS

MARCH 1st - APRIL 9

The purpose of this journey is to draw closer to God. He says if we seek Him we'll find Him. (Jeremiah 29:13). Do we have a relationship with Him? Yes. Is there something more? Oh yeah! The more we seek Him in prayer, in His word and all aspects of our lives, the closer we'll draw to Him. Please spend just a few minutes in prayer each day. Read the prayer of the day then open your heart to Him in worship. Ask Him to show you His Glory.

Before you begin each day's prayer, take a moment to confess your known sins, **don't dwell on this. Once you confess your sins, they're gone.** This helps to get our mind right to hear that still small voice. After the prayer for the day lift your own burdens, concerns and praises to Him at this time. God loves you and wants a relationship with you and all His children.

Please pray for the Pastors each day. I've listed prayers for Monday through Saturday each week. When we come together corporately on Sunday we'll be worshiping together as a family. The goal is to develop a habit of praying daily. When we seek God in prayer we'll find Him.

Day 1: Wednesday March 1st

Heavenly Father, as we start this time of prayer today and for each of the next 40 days leading up to Easter, help me to remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for me, atoning for my sins on the cross. I thank you for your Word that instructs us how to live life and how much you love us.

Help me to keep your commandments and seek you through your Word and prayer. Help me to always love and worship you above all else. Give me a heart of compassion and mercy for all your children so I will see them through your eyes. Teach me to trust you and walk in your ways so I may resist the temptation to sin. If and when we do sin, please show me your mercy and forgive me when I confess those sins to you. (1 Thessalonians 5:17) **Your concerns....**

Day 2: Thursday March 2nd

Lord, today, help us to remember the value of hard work and to do everything to the best of our God given abilities, whether at our job or in our church. Thank you Lord for everything you have blessed me with. I know everything comes from you and that you have a plan for my life.

Whether good times or bad help me to always remember to turn to you with confidence knowing I can overcome all challenges and adversities in life through prayer and faith in my God, relying on your strength, not mine. You love me and want what's best for me, (Jeremiah 29:11). Help me to always remember that and never lose the joy that comes from the hope we have in you. May the fruit of our labor always bring you Glory and honor. **Your concerns....**

Day 3: Friday March 3rd

Father, today help us remember what it felt like to be a child to trust unconditionally so that we may worry less about worldly problems that we face each day. Lord, show us how to be humble and to trust you like a child trusts their parents. Help us to smile and laugh more. Help us to be pure in heart and filled with your goodness and mercy that we may love our neighbor no matter our backgrounds or differences. Help us to see your children as you see them. Lord thank you for all those who loved us enough to tell us about your love, mercy, and saving grace. Lead us that we may have that same confidence to share with our family, our friends, and our neighbors. Give us the confidence to go out and tell the world of your Kingdom (Mark 16:15). **Your concerns....**

Day 4: Saturday March 4th

Dear Lord, thank you for allowing us to accomplish great things in our lives. Whether we get an A on an exam, help a friend to fix their roof, help a neighbor clean up the leaves in their yard or help cure a disease, all our abilities and accomplishments are achieved through the power of the resurrected Christ. When we fail please give us the courage and strength to try again and not give up. Thank you for giving us your Holy Spirit to live within us to be our helper. We're told when we pray we can ask anything in your name and it will be done. Help us to know you more intimately that your thoughts may be our thoughts. Lord thank you that our steps are predestined by you not because we chose you but because you've chosen us. Praise you that we get to live forever with you in your Glory because of our Faith in Jesus. **Your concerns....**

Day 5: Sunday March 5th

Father, as we celebrate the Sabbath today and gather with our church family, may your glory come alive in our hearts and minds.

Day 6: Monday March 6th

Dear Jesus, thank you for all the friends we have had past and present. Some of these people have impacted our lives and influenced us, helping us to learn more about you. As we encounter many people daily, may we treat others with a friendship like quality. Give us the courage to share what you have done in our lives that they may see your Glory. Help us to see the goodness in all people. You love all your children very dearly, help us learn to love as you do. Lord, we ask that you bless our church family and friends. Help us all to see your Glory and the friendship you offer us as we grow together. Help us remember to pray for the concerns of our church family as if they were our own. **Your concerns.....**

Day 7: Tuesday March 7th

Father, help us to resist the devil and his evil schemes that plague us all (Ephesians 6 10-17). We are born with a sinful spirit but we don't have to live according to that because we are a child of God and were sealed with the Holy Spirit the moment we began to trust you as Lord of our life. The devil attempts to make us feel worthless and keeps telling us we're not good enough, or reminds us of our past sins. You tell us in your word those sins are gone and forgotten. Father, as those thoughts come into my mind help me to remember I am a child of God. I was bought and paid for at a very steep price, the blood of Christ. Help me to remember I am made in the image of God. When sinful thoughts come into my mind help me to take every thought captive and turn it over to you. **Your concerns....**

Day 8: Wednesday March 8th

Dear Lord, help me to recognize the good in all people and be better at showing my gratitude, saying thank you for the nice things people do for me each day, whether big or small. May your Spirit prompt me to be helpful to others and may others see You in me. My life is part of your overall plan (Ephesians 2:10). Help me to be obedient and open to all You want me to do and all those you want me to share your Gospel with. Give me the courage to go boldly proclaiming your love for all your children. May others see you through my life. **Your concerns....**

Day 9: Thursday March 9th

Dear Jesus, thank you that we are so beautifully and wonderfully made. We are made in your image. From the very first day you created us, we had all we would need. Our bodies are very intricate, you've thought of everything. You gave us bodies that are capable of doing great things. We can run marathons, build sky scrapers, create new life, and so much more. You have given me the ability to do amazing things. We are capable of loving and being loved. We can even talk directly to You, the creator of the universe. You have given us your word as a guide and a way to know you and what you expect from us. You could have just created us and stopped but you didn't. You gave us messengers throughout history to bring us your word. You want to commune with us, with me. Help me to seek a personal connection with you. Help me to always remember my body is the Temple of your Holy Spirit. We are to take care of it and strive to be healthy and that it would be used for your glory.

Your concerns....

Day 10: Friday March 10th

Father, so many people around the world are hurting and looking for a better way. They may feel hungry, angry, sad or just feel beat up from the world. We know there is a better way and that way is through Jesus Christ. Let others see you in me. Father, may my words and actions today be a testimony that there is a better way. You bring peace, joy and love into our lives daily. Today, help me to reach just one person. My hope is that I may have the courage to share the good news of your saving grace with my friends and family and all those I would meet today.

Father, bring people into our life that need to hear the Gospel and to hear how much you love them. Give me the courage to tell others what you have done in my life. We are commanded to share the Good News of Jesus and His saving Grace. Help us to be obedient. **Your concerns....**

Day 11: Saturday March 11th

Dear God, help me to remember the importance of going to church and participating in community worship. Father, we know that Worship is a two-part process. We are invited by You, the living God, into worship and we respond in an obedient way, opening our hearts and minds to experience you in love, the hearing of your word, music, fellowship, communion, prayer and more. Help me to worship you in a deeper way each day. Help me to remember the importance of worshiping together with our church family. When we worship as a family, we care for each other and lift up each other's burdens and concerns as a family. Lord, continue to strengthen the bond we have with each other as we grow in our faith. Help us to use the gifts that we've been given to strengthen the church and to build each other up bringing us closer to each other and closer to you. May our lives bring you all Glory and Honor.

Your concerns...

Day 12: Sunday March 12th

Father, as we celebrate the Sabbath today and gather with our church family may your glory come alive in our hearts and minds.

Day 13: Monday March 13th

Jesus, thank you for today. No matter what I face, I know I'm not facing it alone. You are with me. Even if I'm walking through the valley of the shadow of death you are with me. As I live each day help me to rely on you, to trust you and not worry about tomorrow or life's challenges. Even when I feel like everything is out of control, remind me that you know exactly what is happening at all times. You use the situations in life for my good and your Glory. I know its Satan's goal to deceive me into thinking you don't care but it's just the opposite. You love me and have a plan for my life, I'm part of the family of God. Lord, please increase my Faith that I may trust you with all my heart. **Your concerns....**

Day 14: Tuesday March 14th

Father, we've committed to these 40 days of prayer because prayer is so important. Help me to stay on track to speak with you at least once a day. But prayer is much more than just speaking, we need to listen for when you speak to us. Father, help us to find time to meet you in solitude and quiet. Lord, help me to hear and feel your will for my life. We're told in your word to pray continually, meaning we should involve you in all we do, being aware of your presence in all situations. When we seek you with all our heart, it's then we'll find you. When we draw near to you, you'll draw nearer to us. Help me to be obedient and be a doer of your word not just a hearer. Help me to seek you as a child seeks the love of a parent. Father, you want to talk with us, you want us to share our life with you. Help me to remember you in all I do. As I go through each day may your Spirit guide me, comfort me, and care for me as a Father cares for His child. **Your concerns....**

Day 15: Wednesday March 15th

Lord, forgive me for the times I say hurtful things to others and about others. Forgive me for the times I speak words that are not true. Lord, I want to go through life giving you honor and glory and praise but sometimes I fall short in my words and actions. Help me to remember your Spirit lives within me at all times and that my body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit. It is not my own. I was bought at a steep price, the blood of Jesus on the Cross. Father, change me, help me to be more like Jesus each day. When I do sin, bring that to my attention that I may confess my sin immediately. Sin causes us to be separated from you and we desperately don't want that. Father, help me each day to draw closer to you in truth and in Spirit. May my life be an expression and an example to others of the love you have for me and for them. **Your concerns....**

Day 16: Thursday March 16th

Lord, as the season changes from winter to spring, and as we look around, there is rebirth and renewal all around us. During these first few weeks, I'm beginning to feel a renewal in my heart and in my mind. I want to grow in this life long journey of getting to know your word and your character by seeking you in your word and your Spirit that is within me. Give me the passion in my heart and the courage to stand firm. Continue to change me to be more like Jesus each day. As I grow, help me to remember to always give you the praise, honor and glory, for we are not saved by the works we do, or the class that we teach, or the board we sit on, or the money we give. We are saved by Grace-a free gift of God that is given to all of us through the sacrificial death of our Lord and Savior. Thank you for the gift of Salvation that only comes through Jesus. **Your concerns....**

Day 17: Friday March 17th

Dear God, help me to embrace change in my life and in the lives of others. Give me the words to encourage others as they face challenges in life. Sometimes change can be scary because we don't know what to expect, or sometimes we are comfortable where we are and not sure of our future. We want to be in control. Help me today to accept and embrace change, knowing you are in control of my life and want what's best for me. Change can bring wonderful things in our lives if we trust you. Help me to always remember your love, faithfulness and constant presence never changes and will never fail me. Please continue guiding and directing my steps. **Your concerns....**

Day 18: Saturday March 18th

Father, this world has so much hate and diversity. I ask you to pour out your Spirit on this nation with love and hope again. Help us all to embrace the differences in people instead of looking negatively on them. May we learn from our brothers and sisters who have different things to teach us. Part of loving our neighbor is treating them the way we want to be treated. All are worthy of kindness, mercy, forgiveness and respect. Help me to do my part to make this world a better place. Help me to resist the evil one against his schemes and lies that tell me to hate my brother. Help me to be a beacon of love and hope for others as they see you, Lord, in me. **Your concerns....**

Day 19: Sunday March 19th

Father, as we celebrate the Sabbath today and gather with our church family may your glory come alive in our hearts and minds.

Day 20: Monday March 20th

Lord, today we think of how blessed we are as a people. Life is not about the things we possess, it's about the Spirit we possess. You tell us in your word you will provide for our needs, all we need to do is trust you. You tell us we should help those in need, help our neighbor, feed the hungry, visit those in prison and give to your kingdom. We all have specific gifts in your kingdom. Father, please show me what my gift is and how to use it for your Glory. Father, right now I thank you for all I have and all you have provided. Help me to never think this is of my own doing and always put you first-giving you the praise, honor and Glory you deserve for all you do for me. Lord, you have all the money of the world but want to bless me when I'm faithful in giving because it helps and blesses others and gives you glory. We are told to set aside a portion of our income to further your kingdom. Father, help me to trust you more each day, each week, and each year that I may be a good steward of all you've given me. **Your concerns....**

Day 21: Tuesday March 21st

Holy Spirit, help me to always remember the value of honesty and truth in all situations. For various reasons we sometimes find ourselves telling little white lies and thinking it's ok, but it's not. Jesus, in his words, speaks of truth more than 200 times. When we tell lies of any magnitude it hinders our connection with you. In fact, sin itself separates us from you. Help me to value honesty, speaking truth in all situations. Lord, also help me remember that truth can sometimes hurt if used inappropriately. Help me to always be aware of others feelings. Father, when we tell others of your saving Grace we must have the reputation of being sincere and trustworthy. Our actions and words always go before us. Help me to be known as an honest person that others may see you in me. Father, help me to take every thought captive and choose my words carefully that they may always honor you. **Your concerns....**

Day 22: Wednesday March 22nd

Dear God, today we pray for the leaders of our church. We lift up our pastors and their families. I ask you keep them safe and healthy. I ask that you protect them all from the schemes of the evil one. Keep them strong that they may continue to speak your word boldly.

We pray for the those who are Deacons that they may serve you and the congregation faithfully. I lift up the Trustees, help them to make wise financial decisions for the church, always being honest and worthy of your honor.

We pray for those who teach our children and ask for a special blessing on them. Our children are the next generation to proclaim your Gospel. May they seek you with all their heart and teach their own children about you. We ask for your blessing from generation to generation.

Father, we all join in praying for each other, our brothers and sisters of Red Oak Church. Help us grow closer to you, seeking you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to know you intimately. My Lord, help me to always trust you in good times and in bad times. You never said bad things won't happen but you did say you'll never leave us when they do. Lord I place my life in your hands.

Your concerns....

Day 23: Thursday March 23rd

Father, each day is a gift from you. When we rise up or lie down you're there. When we come and go you're there. Your Spirit is within us and guiding us all the time. Lord, I ask that I would be open to your direction at all times. Too often I get caught up in the business of life and don't take time to talk with you as I should. I even rush through my prayers sometimes not giving you the respect that a creator deserves. I ask for your forgiveness and ask you to make prayer more of a priority in my life.

I ask that you would transform my heart and mind that prayer would just become second nature. I know it takes time and effort to worship you, serve you and love you. I can't do it in my strength. Help me to trust in you more, to rely on you, to seek you more diligently. Father, my life is not my own, it was bought and paid for with the blood of Christ. Help me to always remember this and conduct my life accordingly. **Your concerns....**

Day 24: Friday March 24th

Dear Lord, help me to remember how important the power of prayer is and to never give up. When I need something, I know I can depend on you to hear my prayers. Lord, you know what's best for me. Sometime the answer is yes, sometimes it is no, and sometimes it is wait. When I don't get what I've asked for, help me to give you thanks anyway, knowing you want what's best for me. May I give you praise in all situations. Prayer is the strongest way we can communicate with you. You speak to us through prayer, through music, through worship, through friends, through strangers, through communion, through life itself. The universe proclaims your Glory.

Lord, may we give you thanks and praise daily for all you are in our life. Father, as I enter into a time of prayer, remind me each time to confess my sins that I may be closer to you and hear your still small voice. Help me to block out any distractions that get in the way. Thank you, Lord, even when I'm distant with you, you are always with me and promise to never leave me. I praise you and love you Lord. **Your concerns....**

The next 6 days we'll focus our prayers on the Armor of God and how to protect us in this Spiritual battle. Ephesians 6: 10-17

Day 25: Saturday March 25th

The Belt of Truth serves as the foundation to support the weapons we need to fight this spiritual battle. It is a reminder that Jesus is the foundation for our spiritual battle. He is the truth that stands against the lies and deception of Satan. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the very basis for life. To win our spiritual battles, our fight must be anchored to the truth found only in Jesus alone. Father, around my waist I put the belt of truth. I commit myself to Jesus as the foundation of my life today. With your strength Lord, I will resist the temptation to stand on any worldly foundation. Jesus, you alone are my foundation for any situation that will arise today (John 14:6). **Your concerns....**

Day 26: Sunday March 26th

Father, as we celebrate the Sabbath today and gather with our church family may your glory come alive in our hearts and minds.

Day 27: Monday March 27th

The Breastplate of Righteousness. The function of the breastplate was to protect the soldier's vital organs. In close hand to hand combat, the breastplate was essential for survival. If we start to believe that our own righteousness, effort, or good works can make us worthy of God's protection, the advantage quickly changes to benefit our enemy. We need to get our eyes off ourselves and back on the provision of the cross and the righteousness that is found in a relationship with Jesus.

Lord, on my heart I put the breastplate of righteousness. I can fight any battle today because of the righteousness of Jesus, not my own. Jesus, I declare that you are my righteousness and that through the victory of the cross I can stand victorious against temptation, sin and the attacks of our enemy. (2 Corinthians 5:12) Your concerns...

Day 28: Tuesday March 28th

The Shoes of Readiness and Peace. Jesus is our preparation and peace. Without his sandals, a soldier would not be prepared to fight and could easily be defeated. Paul tells us that our preparation for battle is the Gospel (The Good News) of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. The work of Jesus here on earth brought us peace with God.

Lord, on my feet, I put the shoes of the Gospel. Father, prepare me by helping me know Jesus in a deeper way. Let your word become the guiding light for every step I take today and let the knowledge of the good news of Jesus death and resurrection be my source of peace. (Romans 5:1) Your concerns...

Day 29: Wednesday March 29th

The Shield of Faith. The only protection against the flaming arrows that rained down from the sky in ancient warfare was the shield. If dropped in battle, it became useless and the soldier's fate rested with himself. We trust in Jesus alone as our shield. We cannot rely on our own abilities in this battle.

Father, in my hand I take up the Shield of Faith. By Faith, connect me to the power of Jesus. My desire is to trust in you and your strength alone. Protect me from the arrows of the enemy today as I rely on your power. Give me faith so I may go forward to do your will (Hebrews 11: 33-34). Your concerns....

Day 30: Thursday March 30th

The Helmet of Salvation. Jesus is our righteousness. The helmet was essential for a soldier in battle. Paul, in using the word salvation, indicates that the helmet is a source of total deliverance. In Jesus we can find deliverance in every situation, be it spiritual, emotional or physical. He has to be our source, our guide, our way out. We cannot deliver ourselves.

Jesus, on my head, I receive the helmet of salvation. Jesus, you are my salvation. You are my deliverance. Deliver me from all sins and weaknesses – spiritual, physical and emotional. Cover me with your strength, peace and anointing to bring me to complete wholeness in you (1 Thessalonians 5: 8-9). Your concerns....

Day 31: Friday March 31st

The Sword of The Spirit. Jesus is the word of God. When used at close range by a skilled soldier, the sword was a deadly weapon. Paul tells us that the sword represents the Word of God, the written picture of Jesus. He is the living version of everything God wanted to say to mankind. God's Word is a powerful weapon against our enemy when it's used under the Spirit's power and direction.

Lord, in my hand I take up the sword of the Spirit, the powerful word of God. Jesus, you are the living version of God's word. May your Word give me wisdom to apply your Holy Scriptures to life's situations and today's troubles (Hebrews 4:12). Your concerns....

Day 32: Saturday April 1st

Dear Lord, today as we look around at your wonderfully made planet, we are in awe. Your creation is beyond what we can even imagine. You created the stars in the heavens, the sun, the moon, and all we see. You've thought of everything. Love is displayed not only in humans but the animals too. They were so important to you that you had Adam name each of them. You are a God of Love. You not only have taught us how to love, the animals you created reflect your love as well.

Help me to respect your creation, your planet, and all life you put here on earth. May we all be good stewards of the resources you have provided. Father, thank you for loving me and showing me how to love you and all that you've created. Father, you are love. May others see you in me. **Your concerns....**

Day 33: Sunday April 2nd

Father, we remember this day each year as the day Jesus rode into town on the foal of a donkey in the presence of a large crowd. Some of the very people who sang "Hosanna in the Highest", and laid palms on the ground to give the King honor and glory, are some of the same ones who will shout "Crucify Him" five days later. Father, help us to always truly love and honor you in all situations. Make our hearts pure as we worship you this day and every day. **Your Concerns....**

Day 34: Monday April 3rd

Lord Teach me how to pray.

The first 3 focus on the Glory of God.

Our Father Who art in Heaven,

Recognize you are addressing a Holy God who sees us as His child.

Hallowed be your name.

May His name be kept Holy. Begin your prayers with reverence for God and praise for who He is. This enables us to keep our needs and problems in proper perspective.

Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Ask God for His will to rule in your life. When we say, "Thy Kingdom come", we're really saying, "my kingdom departs in favor of yours, Lord".

The second 3 petitions focus on our personal needs.

Give us this day our daily bread.

We're asking for the food we need. God says he will provide for our needs (Philippians 4:19).

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Confess our sins to God. If we have unconfessed sin in our life, our prayer life will suffer (Psalm 66:18). Also, the same measure you use to forgive will be measured back to you.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Don't let us yield to temptation but rescue us from the evil one. We must recognize our sinful nature, in order to avoid it. Father, help me to understand the impact of my prayers. May they always honor you.

Your concerns....

Day 35: Tuesday April 4th

Pray that God will give you compassion for the lost and the unsaved world.

Father, thank you for saving me. You chose me before the foundation of the world was even laid. I have been adopted into your family through grace in Jesus, all in accordance to your will and pleasure (Ephesians 1: 4-5). Father, we are commanded to go out and make disciples. I can't do this on my own. Give me the wisdom and courage I need to speak to those around me, including my own family. May they be open to your saving grace. Please prepare my heart and mind that I may do your will. Help me to learn your word and apply it to my life so I may be a living example of your goodness, mercy and compassion to those I may encounter. I ask that I would reflect you Lord Jesus that you may get all the Glory and Honor. It's not me who speaks but the Spirit that lives within me who proclaims Jesus and his saving Grace. **Your concerns....**

Day 36: Wednesday April 5th

Dear God, I know as I go through life there will always be challenges. You say in your word you would never leave us nor forsake us. Help me to never forget that even in hard times, when it feels like all is going wrong or all are against me. Help me to remember you are always with me, right at my side.

May I have the courage to trust that each battle belongs to you. When we were saved, we were grafted into your family and sealed with the promised Holy Spirit. The devil has no hold on me. God and Satan cannot be in the same space. Lord Jesus, always fill my heart with your love and may I always have the confidence that you are with me, you love me, and know exactly what is going on in my life at all times.

Father, I know you will never give me more than I can handle. Sometimes life has felt like I was on the brink of going under, but you always come through. You are always faithful.

Help me to learn to trust you with all my heart. Help me to never doubt, and forgive me if I do. I know in my heart you have the best for me and love me. Lord Jesus, continue to mold my life to make it yours. **Your concerns....**

Day 37: Holy Thursday April 6th

Dear God, today in history we celebrate Holy Thursday-the day Jesus had the last supper with His disciples. It was on this day we received the ordinance to celebrate the Lords Supper proclaiming His death until He comes again. The Bread was a symbol of His body, the Cup a symbol of His blood that was shed for me. He said, "do this in remembrance of me".

It was on this day that we were shown what it was like to serve. He, the God of the universe, washed His disciples' feet. We remember this Holy day and ask you Lord to make our hearts right, to serve our neighbors as Jesus served His disciples. **Your concerns...**

Day 38: Holy Friday April 7th

Dear Lord, we remember today in history that our Lord was crucified for our sins. We grieve that on this day that Jesus was led to the cross to be crucified. His hands were nailed to the cross by me, his feet were nailed to the cross by me, it was my sin that caused the soldier to pierce his side with a sword.

Father, thank you for taking the punishment that was meant for me and having your Son bear my pain. On this day, when Jesus said, "It is finished", the curtain of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The curtain, up to this point, separated God from His people. Now, with the death of Jesus, the veil was torn away and our sin was atoned for, reuniting us to the God of the universe.

Father, there are no words to express our love and appreciation for all Jesus did for me and also the joy we now have in Christ. **Your concerns....**

Day 39: Saturday April 8th

Father, yesterday in history, our Lord was crucified. Centuries ago, many didn't realize, even though Jesus said he would rise, it would only be until tomorrow that all of creation would awaken with a new hope.

Tomorrow is Easter, the day we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. The day the stone was rolled away and the tomb was empty. Father, we praise you for sending your Son to die for us on the Cross. We thank you that Jesus took our place on the cross to pay the penalties of our sin. Because of that sacrifice, I get to spend eternity with you.

Lord, thank you for all you do in my life. Help me to remember to speak with you each day and to live a life of caring, love, hope, mercy, helpfulness to those I meet along the way. Help me to be patient with others, but most of all may my life reflect you.

Father, I thank you that you are with me. You guide me, protect me, and most of all, you love me. When life gets busy and I forget to talk with you, please remind me. Getting to know you is a life long journey. Help me to know you better. I can't do it alone; I need you Jesus. **Your concerns....**

Day 40: Sunday April 9th

Happy Easter! He's alive! He rose just like He said He would. Praise God!