



Collects and Readings for March

After the Second Sunday in Lent; March 5

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

After the Third Sunday in Lent; Mar 12

Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of your servants, and purify our disordered affections, that we may behold your eternal glory in the face of Christ Jesus; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

After the Fourth Sunday in Lent; Mar 19

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

St. Joseph, March 20, see BCP, p. 627

The Annunciation, March 25, see BCP, p. 627

After the Fifth Sunday in Lent, Mar 26.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

March Daily Lectionary Readings: Psalms, OT, and NT

1	77	Exod 8	Matt 13:1-23
2	78: 1-18	Exod 9 † 1-29,33-34	Matt 13:24-43
3	78: 19-40	Exod 10	Matt 13:44- <i>end</i>
4	78: 41-73	Exod 11	Matt 14
5	79, 82	Exod 12 † 1-20,28-36	Matt 15:1-28
6	80	Exod 13	Matt 15:29—16:12
7	81	Exod 14 † 5-31	Matt 16:13- <i>end</i>
8	83	Exod 15	Matt 17:1-23
9	84	Exod 16 † 1-7,11-33	Matt 17:24—18:14
10	85	Exod 17	Matt 18:15- <i>end</i>
11	86, 87	Exod 18	Matt 19:1-15
12	88	Exod 19	Matt 19:16—20:16
13	89	Exod 20	Matt 20:17- <i>end</i>
14	90	Exod 21 † 1-19,22-29	Matt 21:1-22
15	91	Exod 22	Matt 21:23- <i>end</i>
16	92, 93	Exod 23 † 1-13,18-30	Matt 22:1-33
17	94	Exod 24	Matt 22:34—23:12
18	95, 96	Exod 25 † 1-23,31-40	Matt 23:13- <i>end</i>
19 Joseph	97, 98	Exod 26 † 1-10,15-16,29-37	Matt 24:1-28
20	99, 100, 101	Exod 27	Matt 24:29- <i>end</i>
21	102	Exod 28 † 1-6,15-21, 29-43	Matt 25:1-30
22	103	Exod 29 † 1-18,35-46	Matt 25:31- <i>end</i>
23	104	Exod 30 † 1-3,7-33	Matt 26:1-30
24	105; 1-22	Exod 31	Matt 26:31-56
25 Annunciation	113, 138	Exod 32 † 1-29	Luke 1:26-38
26	105: 23-44	Exod 33	Matt 26:57- <i>end</i>
27	106: 1-18	Exod 34 † 1-17,27-35	Matt 27:1-26
28	106:19-46	Exod 35 † 1-10,20-35	Matt 27:27-56
29	107: 1-22	Exod 36 † 1-10,18-20, 31-38	Matt 27:57—28 end
30	107: 23-43	Exod 37 † 1-11,16-29	Mark 1:1-13
31	108, 110	Exod 38 † 1-23	Mark 1:14-31

COLLECTS SUITABLE FOR LENT FROM THE BCP

For the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image, and you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Times of Suffering

Dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ: I hold up all my weakness to your strength, my failure to your faithfulness, my sinfulness to your perfection, my loneliness to your compassion, my little pains to your great agony on the Cross. I pray that you will cleanse me, strengthen me, guide me, so that in all ways my life may be lived as you would have it lived, without cowardice and for you alone. Show me how to live in true humility, true contrition, and true love. Amen.

For Seeking God

Anselm of Canterbury

Teach me to seek you, and as I seek you, show yourself to me; for I cannot seek you unless you show me how, and I will never find you unless you show yourself to me. Let me seek you by desiring you, and desire you by seeking you; let me find you by loving you, and love you in finding you. Amen.

For satisfaction in Christ

Julian of Norwich

O God, of your goodness, give me yourself, for you are enough for me. I can ask for nothing less that is completely to your honor, and if I do ask anything less, I shall always be in want. Only in you I have all. Amen.

a prayer from the Iona Community

slow us down for the fast

Slow us down for the fast.
Still our restless spirits ...
Calm our racing minds ...
Centre our being ...
Let our longing linger.
Let it take root
and create a beautiful yearning space
that has the time to ache ...
Slow us down for the fast.
Silence the siren voices ...
Wait for our weary wanting
to meet our need and find common ground ...
Hold back the driving beat of our hearts
and let the drums of our internal wars fall silent ...
Slow us down for the fast.
Before the journey begins ...
Before the wanderlust calls us ...
Before the wilderness beckons
and breaks our searching spirits ...
Slow us down for the fast.
We ask it for your own name's sake.