

**40 DAYS OF LENT**, (From Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>/02/2016 to Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>/03/2015)

**MAIN THEME: Habakkuk 3:2 “O LORD, REVIVE YOUR WORK”**

It has been our custom in the Anglican Church of Rwanda to have seasons that help Christian believers walk in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus, imitating his life on Earth. In this lent period, let us seek the power of the Holy Spirit and search for God’s will in our lives as we pray and fast, let us get rid of our sins that enslave us and strive to attain the full stature of a Christ’s disciple.

Praying for the Church and others is one of the indicators of the spiritual maturity. Therefore, in our time of prayer and seeking God we will use the following calendar. It includes Bible readings and short meditation extracts. It is advised for the leader to go through these bible passages and related meditation more than once.

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The first week of lent: **THEME: THE LOVE OF GOD**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Bible readings</b>	<b>Prayer items</b>
10/02/2016	<p><b>John 3:16</b></p> <p>God cares much for you. What are the reminders of the love of God in your life? In your nation? In the church?</p>	<p>Thank God for He graciously gave us His only Son. Where would we be if Jesus had not come on Earth?</p> <p>Ask the congregation their expectations for this parayer and fasting period, and spend some time praying for this precious time you will spend with God.</p>
11/02/2016	<p><b>John 1:12-13</b></p> <p><b>Romans 8:15</b></p> <p>We become sons of God when we believe in Jesus Christ and we are brought near God the Father.</p>	<p>Share the testimonies of how far God has brought you to make you His children and praise Him for that.</p> <p>Pray for those who never experienced their fathers' love to enjoy the love of God.</p>
12/02/2016	<p><b>1 John 4:4</b></p> <p><b>John 14:16-17</b></p> <p>We have been given the Helper because of the love of God and therefore we are strong.</p>	<p>Praise God for His love that makes you overcome even though you are weak.</p>
13/02/2016	<p><b>2 Corinthians 5:17</b></p> <p><b>Romans 8:35-39</b></p> <p>Jesus Christ has valued your live again. When you come to Christ, it is as if He writes all your bad deeds of the past on a chalkboard and erases them all.</p>	<p>Praise God for the new life in Christ and the second chance of a fresh start.</p>
14/02/2016	<p><b>1 Corinthians 10:13</b></p> <p>God helps us in our temptations because of His</p>	<p>Reflect on the hard moments God took you through and taught you</p>

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The second week of lent: **THEME: THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

15/02/2016	<p><b>1 John 1:9</b></p> <p><b>Daniel 9:4</b></p> <p>If we confess our sins, He is faithful.</p>	Please examine your life openly to God: “Confess your sins, those committed in the name of our nation and those of your family. They will be forgiven” Confess to be renewed and get right with God.
16/02/2016	<p><b>James 5:16 16</b></p> <p><b>Ephesians 4:32</b></p> <p>Confessing sins and praying for one another:</p> <p>There is power in confession and earnest prayer.</p> <p>There is power in forgiving those who sinned against us.</p>	What do you feel the Holy Spirit prompting you to confess today? List the people you have failed to forgive and confess them to God, then ask the brethren to pray for you.
17/02/2016	<p><b>1 Corinthians 6:19-20 19-20</b></p> <p><b>Romans 12:1</b></p> <p>God tells us that these bodies do not belong to us. They are properties of our creator. We were bought at a price. This is a very important principle.</p>	Confess and ask God for the forgiveness of idolatry, sexual immorality, drunkenness and drug abuse; all these are prevalent in our communities. Pray for those enslaved by such sins. Pray for your family members, church members and places you know that are living sinful lives.
18/02/2016	<p><b>2 Corinthians 12:9-10</b></p> <p>We all have weaknesses or other physical disabilities that are considered as thorns in our flesh. Such weaknesses often tend to take us away</p>	What are the weaknesses or temptations that have taken us away from God? Pray for the power of God to overcome and

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	from God when we have failed to recognize them and to let God deal with them. Even Paul had a permanent pain that taught him to accept his weakness and rejoice in the Lord.	pray that Jesus may help those that are overcome by despair and other sorts of temptations.
19/02/2016	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Isaiah 40: 29-31</b></p> <p>Are there times you are afraid and say "I can't survive this"? Are there times you feel you can't carry on the Christian walk any longer? May be you are very tired or very sick? You might sometimes seem to be good for nothing, you are worried, the day seems even longer than usual and you no longer appreciate the fact that you are alive.</p>	Pray for those who are weary and seek to make their own ways because they are tired of waiting for God's promises. Pray against corruption, unfunctional marriages, those with unwanted pregnancies especially teenagers. Pray for those who have reached the point of seeking for abortion and euthanasia.
20/02/2016	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2 Chronicles 7:14</b></p> <p>We are often busy and forget to humble ourselves in prayer. In this way, we lack our quality time with God and other benefits of being in his presence.</p> <p>Prayer is very important, mountains can be moved, healing can occur, more souls can be won for Christ if we earnestly pray.</p>	Stand in the gap for the intercession groups that have drifted away from their calling. Pray for church leaders and Christians who no longer spend some time with God in prayer. Ask for the Holy Spirit to empower those He called to intercede for the church.
21/02/2016	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2 Timothy 1:7</b></p> <p>We all go through times of doubts and fear. When the future seems uncertain, we get worried. When we have been through hard situations for so long, we stop believing there will be a way out. It is even possible for the spirit of fear to show us that all our plans, projects and businesses will never prosper so that we may be very terrified.</p>	If you are a slave to fear and doubts, confess it and be prayed for. Pray for the power of God to dwell in the church so that the Christians may receive revelations for God's mission strategy that can not be shaken by fear; and the spirit of power, love and self

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The third week of lent: **THEME: TRUSTING IN GOD**

22/02/2016	<p><b>Isaiah 26:3; Philippians 4:7</b></p> <p>He who trusts in God will be kept in perfect peace. These are wonderful words that surpass man's wisdom. Their significance and value of God's given peace is above any treasure, learned wisdom and university qualifications. The world needs to know God indeed; thus, receive this free peace.</p>	<p>Pray for divorced families and those with home conflicts. Pray for countries in war especially for our sister country, Burundi. Pray for peaceful elections in our great lakes region.</p>
23/02/2016	<p><b>Philippians 4:8-9; Ephesians 4:20-23</b></p> <p>Listen carefully to this list:                      "whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things." The result will be God's peace in your hearts because this is the will of God.</p>	<p>Pray that God will help you not to allow any idea that has not been tried to get into your mind. God has given you a filter that will result to a peaceful mind.</p> <p>Pray that God may set free those who are in bondages of hatred, vengeance, evil thoughts and other sorts of bondage.</p>
24/02/2016	<p><b>Proverbs 3: 7-8; Proverbs 9:10</b></p> <p>The love of the Lord means developing affections to what God loves and hating whatever He hates instead of being satisfied with your state. But because of our greed and fleshly desires, it is not easy to obey God always.</p>	<p>Pray for Rwandan intellectuals in the church to not be blinded by their knowledge. Pray for our youth to uphold God beyond the modern fashion.</p>
25/02/2016	<p><b>Philippians 1:6; Galatians 3:3</b></p> <p>We should begin the Christian journey with the aim of finishing well. That is exactly how we</p>	<p>Pray for the backsliders. Pray for the planned activities in family,</p>

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	begin other important plans like marriage, education and so on. But what pleases God is beginning and finishing with the Spirit, not with the flesh.	church and country to be conducted in God's will.
26/02/2016	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jeremiah 17:9</b></p> <p>Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him.</p> <p>It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. (Psalm 118: 8-9)</p>	Pray for the hardened hearts that do not want to put their trust in the Almighty God. Write down the names of the people you want to share the Gospel with and pray for them with the help of the present brethren.
27/02/2016	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Joshua 5:13-15; Zechariah 4:6</b></p> <p>Even though Joshua was a mighty warrior who had experienced God's miracles, God had to show Joshua that He was His victory.</p> <p>God even told Zerubbabel that he can't overcome by his own power.</p>	<p>Pray for those who take God's works for granted to humble themselves and see Him afresh.</p> <p>Pray for the churches, choirs and evangelical organizations that are in conflicts.</p>
28/02/2016	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Psalms 91</b></p> <p>God promises to save us but he requires us to love Him forever. When we love God, it becomes evident through obeying His commandments (John 14:15). We also love our neighbors.</p>	<p>Pray for Christians to demonstrate their love with increasing actions for the glory of God.</p> <p>Pray that God may protect us from evil: all sorts of disasters and diseases.</p>