

**Grow,  
Pray,  
and  
Study Guide.**



**Prayers For The Week**

**Monday:** Creator King, I sin even when I don't want to. Keep me in your ways. Create in me a pure heart so I can share your good news. Amen.

**Tuesday:** Lamb of God, you know my sins and suffered for them. Create in me a pure heart so I can share your good news. Amen.

**Wednesday:** Yahweh, you have always loved your people, even when we turn away. Create in me a pure heart so I can share your good news. Amen.

**Thursday:** Messiah, in this time of Lent, I need to focused more on you so that I can focus on your other children. Create in me a pure heart so I can share your good news. Amen.

**Friday:** Father God, I want you to be pleased with me at the end of my life. Create in me a pure heart so I can share your good news. Amen.

**February 18, 2018**

Notes: today I pray



**Bring a friend to Sunday School and worship on  
Sunday or Monday!  
Check in on Facebook when you are here.**

## Study Guide February 18, 2018

**Monday February 19th** (I took time to pray today )

**Read: Genesis 9:8-17** Lent is a time for reflection and reorganizing our lives to focus on our faith. God tells Noah that he is making a new promise to all living things. He promised that the earth will never again be destroyed by flood. He offers a sign of love in the rainbow.

**Question:** The God of the Old Testament is vengeful but why has he been so willing to tolerate our own transgressions? How do you view the promise he makes to us to never destroy the world by flood again?

**Tuesday February 20th** (I took time to pray today )

**Read: 1 Peter 3:18-22** Let there be no doubt who suffered for each sin we commit. Jesus knew what would happen at the end of his life but he submitted to his father's will—for each and every one of us.

**Question:** How are you preparing yourself during this time of Lent? Have you taken on a faith practice or have you given something valuable up?

**Wednesday February 21st** (I took time to pray today )

**Read: Psalm 51:1-17** This psalm is very familiar for some of us, like that comfortable sweater we dig out each fall. There is comfort knowing just how well God knows us. But he cannot create a pure heart if we do not do our part in our own transformation. We may want to change but if we fight God's efforts on our behalf, what will we have in the end?

**Question:** How do you picture your life with a pure heart? What changes will the heart of God make in your life?

**Thursday February 22nd** (I took time to pray today )

**Read: Psalm 25:1-10** The psalmist turns to God for guidance. He proclaims his faith in God's ways and his teachings. He proclaims God's strength, love, and forgiveness. There is glory and majesty in his faith in God.

**Question:** Can you forget your own sins? Do you forgive yourself, as God forgives us? Why don't you?

**Friday February 23rd** (I took time to pray today )

**Read: Mark 1:9-15** I love the image of Jesus coming up out of the River Jordan with John's hands still on him and God's voice manifesting for all who are there, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." The world was put on notice that a change was coming!

**Reread Mark 1:15** Jesus went out to spread the good news that the kingdom of God is near and ready for everyone who is willing to hear and believe.

**Question:** If you were a witness, how would you have reacted? Would you fall on your knees? Have you continued the work that Jesus started for us? How do you spread God's good news?

*This time of reflection is one of quiet introspection. Take time to pray for yourself — we always think that is wrong but it's important. Keep our church, our families, our nation, and our planet in your prayers. We all need it!*

*If you have any questions or if there is something in your heart, please ask Pastor Bob, Donna T., Joe H., or Liz G. We are ready to serve.*