

SURRENDER

Matthew 6:9-13

LENTEN GUIDE



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**Trinity AME Church
2026 Lenten Guide – Surrender
40 Days of Prayer and Fasting**

Prayer Call # 551-258-5512

(Monday – Friday @ 6:30 a.m. – 6:45 p.m.)

Ways to Give



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Dear Church Family Member:

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026. It is my earnest prayer that during this sacred season our hearts will be spiritually renewed in Christ Jesus as we prepare for the triumphant celebration of Resurrection Sunday.

This year, I pray that we will walk together on the Lenten journey centered on the theme “Surrender.” Our guiding scripture is the Lord's Prayer, Matthew 6:9–13 (NIV). During the forty days of Lent, we will center our hearts and minds on what it means to surrender, our will, our desires, and our agendas to the will of God through prayer. As we pray as Jesus taught us: Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven, may we be drawn closer to God's will for our lives and grow in the experience of Resurrection Victory.

On Ash Wednesday at 7 PM we will welcome the Greater Turner Chapel Church family and their Senior Pastor, the Reverend Dr. Regina D. Hibbert to share in the holy ritual of ashes imposed upon us. For those unable to attend the worship service in person, please join us virtually via Trinity's Facebook Page or YouTube channel. Ashes will be available at Trinity this Tuesday and Wednesday at the visitor's desk for online participants.

During our **Surrender** Lenten journey there are several ways to participate:

Pray Daily

Morning Prayer Call (Mon–Fri, 6:30–6:45 AM) – (551) 528-5512

Noon Prayer (personal time with God)

Submit Prayer Requests

A Prayer Box will be available in the vestibule. Requests will be prayed over weekly.

Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM on Zoom

Dial 1-646-931-3860 | Meeting ID: 875 3342 1398 | Passcode: 604

Fast With Us

Abstain from certain foods or drinks as the Lord leads. *(Consult your medical provider if needed.)*

Commit & Give

Perfect in-person attendance for every member, every family each Sunday and other seasonal gatherings (for all who are able).

Give – recommit to consistently tithing and participate in the Special Lenten Offering of \$50.00 (or as you desire or are able), to be brought on Resurrection Sunday, April 5th.

Enclosed is our special Lenten Guide for this sacred journey. I have already begun praying that God will move powerfully in each of us as we fully **SURRENDER to Christ** and allow His will to shape our lives.

In His Service,

Reverend Dr. Charles R. Ramsey, Jr.

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LENT 2026

What is Lent All About

Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter. In Western Christianity, Ash Wednesday marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent, which begins 40 days prior to Easter (Sundays are not included in the count). Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ- his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial and resurrection.

How can we celebrate Lent?

By observing Lent, we reflect and remember the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made for all of us when he died on the cross and then rose with all power in His hands. It will also allow us to stop filling our lives with things that have either little or only temporal meaning. Instead, we will make room for God again. When we do this, we feel nearer to God. Giving up some of our comforts also helps us understand how much Jesus gave up for us. So, think of what you can give up, i.e., sweets, meat, fried foods, gossip, social media etc. Also, think of what you can start during the Lenten Season such as attending Bible study, daily prayer call, weekly worship service, participating in a church ministry, or starting an exercise regimen for your health and well-being.

Sacrificial Giving

One of the greatest stories in the Bible on sacrificial giving is found in John 12:1-6 Here, Mary's gift of perfume is used to anoint Jesus' body. The value of the perfume was roughly one year's wages. Mary saved for the gift that was given to Jesus. She gave out of her substance and made the sacrifice. The sacrificial offering doesn't go unnoticed, and Mary's gift is recorded in the scripture as being of great value in the eyes of the Son of God.

Sacrificial giving is the basic principle of Christian stewardship (everything we have is a gift from God). In gratitude for God's generosity, we dedicate a portion of these gifts- our time, talent, and money- to further God's Kingdom. If we truly believe that God gives us all that we have, gratitude is one response and trust is another.

When we realize that God has provided for us and will continue to do so, we recognize that our real security lies in God. Our God, who has given us all, will take care of our future.

Sacrificial giving is our proportionate gift that becomes sacrificial when it comes from our substance rather than our abundance. When we give out of substance, we are changed in the process. We have given away something we thought we needed for ourselves, thus changing our lifestyle. We have acted on the belief that our security lies not in our material resources but in God.

This year our sacrifice is giving one dollar and twenty-five cents for each day of Lent totaling \$50.00. You may turn in your sacrificial offering on a weekly basis, or you can make your entire donation on the culmination of the Lenten Season on Easter Sunday.

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Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday Service @ 7PM
Prayer: Return To God
Joel 2:13
Fast: No Fried Food

Thursday, February 19

Prayer Of Belonging
Romans 8:15
Fast: Walk

Friday, February 20

Consecrate Yourself
Ephesians 4:4-6
Fast: No Sugar Drinks

Saturday, February 21

Fast: Walk

Sunday, February 22

Little Easter

Monday, February 23

Prayer Of Intimacy
Galatians 4:6
Fast: No Meat

Tuesday, February 24

Prayer Of Trust
Proverbs 3:5-6
Fast: Walk

Wednesday, February 25

Prayer Of Healing
2 Cor. 5:17
Fast: No Fried Food

Thursday, February 26

Prayer Of Submission
Psalm 24:1
Fast: Walk

Friday, February 27

Prayer Of Mindset Change
Colossians 3:1-2
Fast: No Sugar Drinks

Saturday, February 28

Fast: Walk

Sunday, March 1

Little Easter

Monday, March 2

Prayer Of Sacredness
Isaiah 6:3
Fast: No Meat

Tuesday, March 3

Prayer For A Clean Heart
Psalm 51:10
Fast: Walk

Wednesday, March 4

Prayer Call @ 6AM
Prayer for Guarded Speech
Exodus 20:7
Fast: No Fried Food

Thursday, March 5

Prayer Of Honoring Gods Name
Colossians 3:17
Fast: Walk

Friday, March 6

Prayer of Worshipful Living
Romans 12:1
Fast: No Sugar Drinks

Saturday, March 7

Fast: Walk

Sunday, March 8

Little Easter

Monday, March 9

Prayer: Surrender My Agenda
Romans 16:17-18
Fast: No Meat

Tuesday, March 10

Prayer: Align My Priorities with
heaven
Matthew 6:33
Fast: Walk

Wednesday, March 11

Prayer For Obedience
James 1:22
Fast: No Fried Food

Thursday, March 12

Prayer For Divine Direction
Proverbs 16:9

Friday, March 13

Prayer Of Humility
Proverbs 37:5
Fast: No Sugar Drinks

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Saturday, March 14

Fast: Walk

Sunday, March 15

Little Easter

Monday, March 16

Prayer: Trusting God's Timing
Ecclesiastes 3:11

Fast: No Meat

Tuesday, March 17

Prayer: Dependence On God
Exodus 16:4

Fast: No Fried Foods

Wednesday, March 18

Prayer: Freedom From Stress
Matthew 6:34

Fast: No Fried Food

Thursday, March 19

Prayer Of Contentment
1 Timothy 6:6–8

Fast: No Fried Food

Friday, March 20

Prayer Call @ 6AM
Prayer: Faith to Move Beyond
My Fear

2 Timothy 1:7

Fast: No Sugar Drinks

Saturday, March 21

Fast: Walk 15 mins.

Sunday, March 22

Little Easter

Monday, March 23

Prayer: Living in Divine Favor
Psalm 5:12

Fast: No Meat

Tuesday, March 24

Prayer Call @ 6AM
Prayer Of Daily Blessings
Psalm 103:2

Fast: No Fried Foods

Wednesday, March 25

Prayer Call @ 6AM
Prayer Interceding for Others
Acts 2:44–45

Fast: No Fried Food

Thursday, March 26

Prayer Of Confession
1 John 1:9

Fast: No Fried Food

Friday, March 27

Prayer Call @ 6AM
Prayer: Releasing Those Who
Hurt Me
Ephesians 4:31–32

Fast: No Sugar Drinks

Saturday, March 28

Fast: Walk

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

Monday, March 30

Prayer: Freedom from
Bitterness
Hebrews 12:15

Fast: No Meat

Tuesday, March 31

Prayer for Reconciliation
2 Corinthians 5:18

Fast: No Fried Foods

Wednesday, April 1

Prayer: Valuing others above
Myself
Philippians 2:3–4

Fast: No Fried Foods

Thursday, April 2

Prayer: Breaking Family Cycles
Malachi 4:6

Fast: Walk

Friday, April 3

Prayer: Lead With Love
1 Corinthians 13:7

Fast: No Sugar Drinks

Saturday, April 4

Fast: Walk

Sunday, April 5

Resurrection Sunday

2026 Lenten Series
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Guided by Matthew 6:9–13 (NIV)

“Our Father in Heaven” (v.9a)

Identity. Belonging. Intimacy.

- **Feb. 18** – Invitation to the Lenten Journey
- **Feb. 19** – *I Belong to You*
- **Feb. 20** – *Prayer of Intimacy*
- **March 2** – *Prayer of Sacredness*

This section centers on relationship — surrendering to God as Father.

“Hallowed Be Your Name” (v.9b)

Reverence. Honor. Consecration.

- **Feb. 20** – *Consecrate Me, O God*
- **March 5** – *Prayer of Honoring God’s Name*
- **March 6** – *Prayer of Worshipful Living*
- **March 19** – *Keep My Mind Centered*

Here we surrender our hearts and lives to honor His holy name.

“Your Kingdom Come” (v.10a)

Alignment. Divine Order. Kingdom Living.

- **March 12** – *Prayer for Divine Direction*
- **March 17** – *Dependence on God*
- **March 23** – *Living in Divine Favor*
- **April 2** – *Breaking Family Cycles*

This phase focuses on inviting God’s reign into our homes, minds, and communities.

“Your Will Be Done on Earth as It Is in Heaven” (v.10b)

Submission. Obedience. Trust.

- **Feb. 26** – *Prayer of Submission*
- **Feb. 24** – *Prayer of Trust*
- **March 11** – *Prayer for Obedience*
- **March 13** – *Prayer of Humility*
- **March 16** – *Trusting God’s Timing*
- **March 9** – *Prayer of Surrendering My Agenda*
- **March 10** – *Prayer to Align My Priorities*

This is the heart of *Surrender* — laying down our will for His.

“Give Us Today Our Daily Bread” (v.11)

Provision. Dependence. Daily Grace.

- **March 24** – *Prayer of Daily Blessings*
- **March 18** – *Freedom from Stress*
- **April 1** – *Valuing Others Above Myself*

This section teaches us to rely on God for daily sustenance — spiritual and practical.

“Forgive Us Our Debts, as We Also Have Forgiven Our Debtors” (v.12)

Repentance. Healing. Reconciliation.

- **March 26** – *Prayer of Confession*
- **Feb. 25** – *Prayer of Healing*
- **March 27** – *Releasing Those Who Hurt Me*
- **March 30** – *Freedom from Bitterness*
- **March 31** – *Prayer for Reconciliation*
- **March 25** – *Interceding for Others*
- **March 3** – *Prayer for a Clean Heart*

This movement deals with inner surrender — releasing offense and embracing grace.

“And Lead Us Not into Temptation” (v.13a)

Discipline. Transformation. Guarding the Heart.

- **Feb. 27** – *Prayer of Mindset Change*
- **March 4** – *Prayer for Guarded Speech*

This stage focuses on spiritual discipline and personal growth.

“But Deliver Us from the Evil One” (v.13b)

Freedom. Victory. Courage.

- **March 20** – *Faith to Move Beyond My Fear*
- **April 3** – *Leading with Love – It Is Finished*

We close in victory — celebrating the finished work of Christ.

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February

- **Wednesday, Feb. 18** – Pastor Charles Ramsey – *Invitation to the Lenten Journey*
- **Thursday, Feb. 19** – Pastor James Tukes – *I Belong to You*
- **Friday, Feb. 20** – Rev. Marylyn Udeh – *Consecrate Me, O God*
- **Monday, Feb. 23** – Minister Michelle Hester – *Prayer of Intimacy*
- **Tuesday, Feb. 24** – Rev. Dr. Tynisha Drennon – *Prayer of Trust*
- **Wednesday, Feb. 25** – Sister Delores Varner – *Prayer of Healing*
- **Thursday, Feb. 26** – Pastor Velma Grant – *Prayer of Submission*
- **Friday, Feb. 27** – Rev. Dr. Sheryl Powell – *Prayer of Mindset Change*

March

- **Monday, March 2** – Bro. Gabriel Cloud – *Prayer of Sacredness*
- **Tuesday, March 3** – Sis. Yvonne Days Cuffie – *Prayer for a Clean Heart*
- **Wednesday, March 4** – Pastor Akeeya Pearson – *Prayer for Guarded Speech*
- **Thursday, March 5** – Pastor Terrence Evans – *Prayer of Honoring God's Name*
- **Friday, March 6** – Rev. Theresa Dunston – *Prayer of Worshipful Living*
- **Monday, March 9** – Pastor Hope Sutton – *Prayer of Surrendering My Agenda*
- **Tuesday, March 10** – Bro. Alex Tukes – *Prayer to Align My Priorities*
- **Wednesday, March 11** – Sis. Tangela Johnson – *Prayer for Obedience*
- **Thursday, March 12** – Mother Wylene Boyd – *Prayer for Divine Direction*
- **Friday, March 13** – Pastor Tabitha Brogdon – *Prayer of Humility*
- **Monday, March 16** – Rev. Keith Patterson – *Trusting God's Timing*
- **Tuesday, March 17** – Pastor Tracey Fletcher Allen – *Dependence on God*
- **Wednesday, March 18** – Minister Michael Meadows – *Freedom from Stress*
- **Thursday, March 19** – Pastor Sharon Hardin – *Keep My Mind Centered*
- **Friday, March 20** – Rev. Christine Chavis – *Faith to Move Beyond My Fear*
- **Monday, March 23** – Dr. Chantrise Holliman – *Living in Divine Favor*
- **Tuesday, March 24** – Sister Candance Malloy – *Prayer of Daily Blessings*
- **Wednesday, March 25** – Sister Tracey Conner – *Interceding for Others*
- **Thursday, March 26** – Pastor Marguerite Doctor – *Prayer of Confession*
- **Friday, March 27** – Pastor Andrea Lewis – *Releasing Those Who Hurt Me*
- **Monday, March 30** – Supervisor Joanne Williams Cooper – *Freedom from Bitterness*
- **Tuesday, March 31** – Sister Brianna Wilson – *Prayer for Reconciliation*

April

- **Wednesday, April 1** – *Valuing Others Above Myself* (Leader TBD)
- **Thursday, April 2** – Bishop James Dukes – *Breaking Family Cycles*
- **Friday, April 3** – *Leading with Love – It Is Finished* (Leader TBD)

