

# Living Generously

## Interactive Prayer Stations for Lent

### Supplies:

- Table with purple cloth
- Large pot with soil for planting, seeds, watering can
- Cross in stand
- Water on a stand
- Printed Paper for each week (see below)

### ASH WEDNESDAY- GROW

Plant a seed in a pot of soil- there is life in the seed that appears to be dead

God's abundance will not be stopped. With sunlight, water and good soil, things will grow.

Think of the parable of the sower, who spread seed with reckless abandon. God's grace is like that.

### Lent 1- TRUST

Take a rock from the sand. Name someone you trust as you pray. Give thanks for God for working through that person in your life.

### Lent 2- SECURE

Much of the world is seeking security. Write a prayer for a place in need on the tag and hang it on the tree.

### Lent 3- SEEK

What things in life do you seek? Write them on a note and tack it to the wooden cross

### Lent 4- RENEW

Write on paper one thing that gets in the way of being generous. Place the paper in the water. (use dissolvable paper OR washable markers that will disappear when added to the water.)

### Lent 5- CELEBRATE

Light a candle and place it in the bowl of sand.

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# Grow

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

(Psalm 51:10)

Take a bulb and place it in the planter, side by side with the others, stem side up.

If all the bulbs have been placed, add a spoonful of dirt.

Think of the possibility in the bulb, that with care and nurture, soil (dust!), light and water, will grow into something beautiful. God is at work in you. Thanks be to God.

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# Trust

“My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust.”  
(Psalm 91:2)

When Jesus was in the wilderness he placed his trust in God’s word. He did not respond to the testing of the evil one. When you have been in wilderness places, where have you put your trust?

Dig through the sand and find a stone. Take it with you as a reminder of God’s presence with you, even in times of challenge.

God is with you. Thanks be to God.

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# Secure

My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”

Your face, O Lord, I will seek.

(Psalm 27:8)

Security is a big deal. We search for those things and places and people that make us feel secure. Consider the places in your life where you feel safe. When you are safe, how do you turn to generosity?

Think of a place in the world in need. Write a prayer on a tag for that place, then hang the tag on the prayer tree.

Seek the Lord and live. You are safe. You are loved.

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# Seek

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

(Psalm 63:1)

Whom do you seek? We hear this question asked of the women at the empty tomb on Easter morning, but we also ask this question now, in the middle of our Lenten journey. What do you long for? Whose presence do you crave? What relationships sustain you? Where do you find life?

Hold in prayer a hope for someone in need. Something you seek, on their behalf.

Is it something they desire for themselves?

Write down that hope on a card and tack it to the cross.

Seek the Lord and live. We bring our hopes to the God of the cross.

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# Renew

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;

when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

(Psalm 32:6)

In Christ, all things are made new. What needs renewal in your life? Where do you struggle?

Write down something that needs to be made new in your life on a strip of paper. Then drop the paper into the bowl of water. See what happens. Give the water a little stir.

God makes us new in the waters of life.

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# Celebrate

The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.

(Psalm 126:3)

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning. Those who go out weeping, will come again with joy. The psalms are full of this progression, from sadness, grief and death, to joy, thanksgiving and life.

This is our Lenten path. The path to the cross and beyond, to resurrection life. Tonight we gather in the dark, but still give witness to the light.

Light a candle and place it in the bowl of sand, as a sign of celebration and trust in God's presence and power in your life.

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