

CREATED... *for Him*

THORNS

A LITANY FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head. Matthew 27:29

P After the fall into sin, God said to Adam:
"Cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you."

(Genesis 3:17)

Christ is the Holy One
Through whom the world was made,
And all things serve him, Christ the Son,
On whom our sins were laid.

P Jesus was mocked as a king and crowned with thorns that grow so readily in the sin-cursed ground.

C Lord Jesus, forgive us when we want to rule over our own lives and do not follow you. Reign over us as our eternal King.

LENTEN LITANIES

"All things were created through him and for him."
Colossians 1:16

P “O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

C **What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?**

P Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

C **You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet.”** (*Psalm 8:1, 4-6*)

P Our sins have ruined our relationships with God, with one another and with the world God created.

C **Jesus our King took our sins into his own body and carried them to the cross, suffering the penalty of death in our place.**

P On the Last Day, we will see Jesus crowned in glory.

C **“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”** (*Revelation 5:13*)

Thorns from the sin-cursed ground
Once crowned our bleeding King.
Yet now he reigns, with glory crowned,
As we his praises sing.

Bible Readings for the First Week of Lent

Sunday Genesis 3:14-19

Monday Matthew 27:27-31

Tuesday Mark 15:16-20

Wednesday John 19:19-22

Thursday Hebrews 2:5-9

Friday 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Saturday Revelation 4:6-11

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A LITANY FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

He went out, bearing his own cross.

John 19:17

- P** God told Abraham to sacrifice his only son. "Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son." When Isaac asked about the sacrifice, Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering." (*Genesis 22:6-7*)

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- P** Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God, carried his heavy wooden cross to the hill of sacrifice, where he was offered up for the sins of the world.

LENTEN LITANIES

"All things were created through him and for him."
Colossians 1:16

- C** Lord Jesus, forgive us and help us daily to take up our cross and follow you.
- P** "And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked,
- C** And behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns.
- P** And Abraham went and took the ram
- C** and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.
- P** So Abraham called the name of that place, 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day,
- C** 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'" (*Genesis 22:13-14*)
- P** God told Abraham not to harm Isaac. The life of his only son was spared.
- C** The life of God's only Son was not spared. Jesus obeyed his Father's will and was offered up as the perfect sacrifice for our sins.
- P** The Savior who carried his cross for our sake has said to us:
- C** "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." (*Matthew 16:24*)

Once casting welcome shade,
A tree that proudly stood
Was felled and from its heart was made
A rough-hewn cross of wood.

Bible Readings for the Second Week of Lent

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| Sunday | Genesis 22:1-14 |
| Monday | John 19:16-18 |
| Tuesday | Luke 23:26-31 |
| Wednesday | Isaiah 25:6-9 |
| Thursday | Matthew 13:53-58 |
| Friday | Isaiah 55:8-13 |
| Saturday | Revelation 2:7 |