

Devotion, Week of February 15, 2026
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Ash Wednesday is this week, beginning our season of Lent. I will be using devotionals this Lenten season from PC(USA) resources as we journey along with Jesus to the cross.

Is not this the fast I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? – *Isaiah 58:6-7*

It is customary in Lent to fast, usually on Fridays, and to have fish on Friday evenings to break the fast. But Isaiah meant something different in fasting. Fasting to him meant that as we abstain from rich foods and wine, and as we pray for forgiveness for our sin, that we also remember that we live in community. And that community requires us to provide care for those less fortunate than us. If we're going to walk with Jesus during these 40 days of Lent toward Jerusalem, we need to remember that. We walk in humility, knowing that we can't save everyone who is suffering, but we can do our part. We can take up Jesus' cross and walk with him. We can listen to his teachings and follow his path, even when he is gone from us.

May your walk this Lenten season bring you closer to the one who saves you.

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