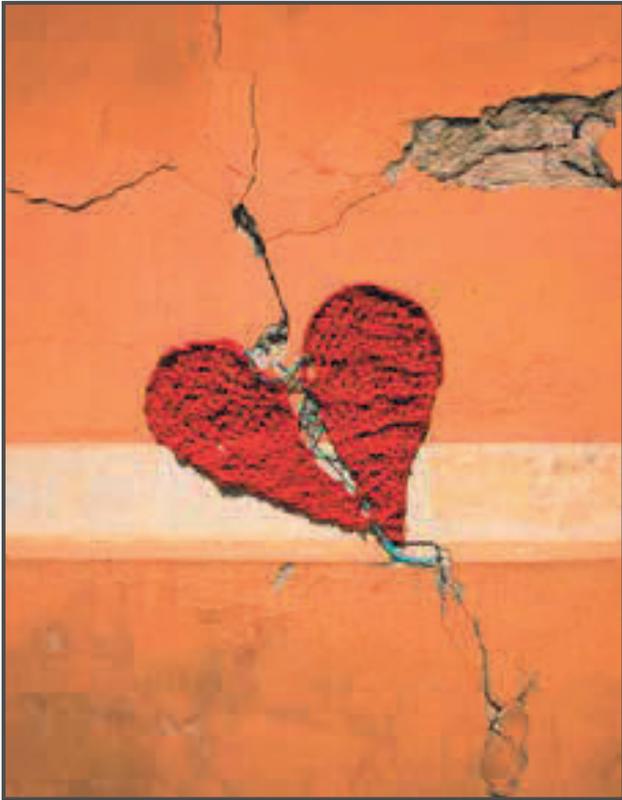


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## READ

### Numbers 5:5-7, CEB

The Lord spoke to Moses: Tell the Israelites: When a man or a woman commits any sin against anyone else, thus breaking faith with the Lord, that person becomes guilty. Such persons will confess the sin they have done. Each will make payment for his guilt, add one-fifth more, and give it to the injured party.

## WONDER

- Consider the image of the man at the window - I wonder if he has anyone he can talk to.
- Consider the image of the woman on the ladder - I wonder what happened between these two people.
- What does “payment” look like when we hurt someone?
- Think of a time when it was hard to reconcile with someone. What did you learn from the experience?

## PRAY

Spirit of truth, you call us to confront our weaknesses so that we can strengthen all our relationships.

Empower us to face our own vulnerability and offer healing actions instead of empty apologies.

In your many names we pray, Amen.

March 14

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## READ

### Psalm 32:1-2, CEB

The one whose wrongdoing is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered over, is truly happy!  
The one the Lord doesn't consider guilty—  
in whose spirit there is no dishonesty—  
that one is truly happy!

## WONDER

- When have you experienced God's forgiveness in your life? How did you know that you were forgiven?
- I wonder how you know when you are truly happy.
- I wonder what images this scripture brings to mind for you.

## PRAY

God of grace, thank you for covering over our sin, wiping it away, and renewing our relationship with you time and time again. Enable us to turn toward you today, walking the path that leads to life. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

March 15

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## READ

### Psalm 32:3-5, CEB

When I kept quiet, my bones wore out;  
I was groaning all day long—  
every day, every night!—  
because your hand was heavy upon me.  
My energy was sapped as if in a summer drought. Selah  
So I admitted my sin to you;  
I didn't conceal my guilt.  
"I'll confess my sins to the Lord," is what I said.  
Then you removed the guilt of my sin. Selah

## WONDER

- What is something in your life that weighs heavily on your heart? Think about the last time you opened up to God about doing something wrong.
- How might you release the weight you are carrying around? What steps can you take towards confessing your most recent wrongdoings to God? What would you say to God?
- How might you seek forgiveness from God, another person, or group of people so that God might relieve you of the "guilt of sin"? How might you change so that you no longer participate in harmful behaviours or systems you've identified?

## PRAY

My God, my God! Have mercy on me, a sinner. I've not followed your ways. I am often more concerned about my own fears, anger, sadness, and self-righteousness. I rarely admit my wrongdoing in my relationship with you and others. Sometimes I don't even know that I am indirectly participating in sin, harming others through my day-to-day decisions. The weight is too heavy for me to bear. Forgive me. Like the wax of a glowing candle, melt away the guilt of my sin, so that I can experience the fullness of your vision for your creation and your people. I want to be in peaceful and meaningful relationships with others. Change me today; I cannot do it by myself.

March 16

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## READ

### Psalm 32:6-7, CEB

That's why all the faithful should pray to you during troubled times,  
so that a great flood of water won't reach them.

You are my secret hideout!

You protect me from trouble.

You surround me with songs of rescue! Selah

## WONDER

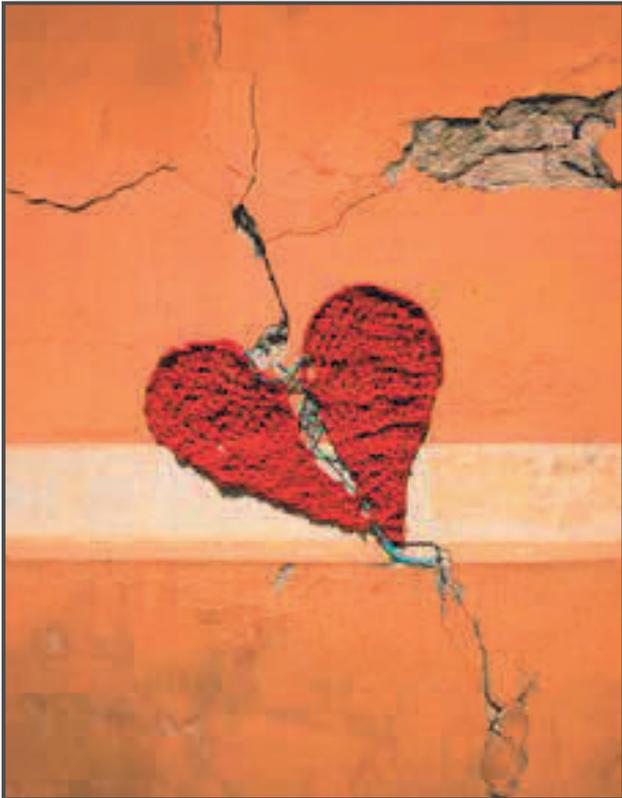
- What feels like it might overwhelm you right now?
- What's a good hiding place? What makes you feel safe?
- What does a song of rescue sound like?
- I wonder where God is right now?

## PRAY

Holy One, when the waters threaten to sweep me under, I lift my voice to you. Crying out for mercy, you scoop me into your arms and provide all the comforts that I need. Be my strength and my help. Lift me up, so that I might sing a new song in praise of you this day. Amen.

March 17

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## READ

### James 5:13-15, CEB

If any of you are suffering, they should pray. If any of you are happy, they should sing. If any of you are sick, they should call for the elders of the church, and the elders should pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. Prayer that comes from faith will heal the sick, for the Lord will restore them to health. And if they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

## WONDER

- What makes you feel better when you are sick?
- What emotions cause you to pray most often?
- When have you seen prayer working?

## PRAY

God our Healer, we reach out to you in prayer knowing that you are always there. In our suffering and in our happiness, in our sickness and in our health, you are constant. Please bring healing and comfort to those we love who need to feel your presence. Amen.

March 18

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## READ

### James 5:16-18, CEB

For this reason, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous person is powerful in what it can achieve. Elijah was a person just like us. When he earnestly prayed that it wouldn't rain, no rain fell for three and a half years. He prayed again, God sent rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

## WONDER

- Who needs you to pray for them?
- What does healing feel like for you?
- How might God be calling you to grow?

## PRAY

Dear God - Please show me who needs my prayers. Help me ask someone else to pray for me. Guide and direct my steps so that I may grow closer to you. Amen.

March 19

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## READ

### Matthew 5:21-26, CEB

“You have heard that it was said to those who lived long ago, Don’t commit murder, and all who commit murder will be in danger of judgment. But I say to you that everyone who is angry with their brother or sister will be in danger of judgment. If they say to their brother or sister, ‘You idiot,’ they will be in danger of being condemned by the governing council. And if they say, ‘You fool,’ they will be in danger of fiery hell. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift at the altar and go. First make things right with your brother or sister and then come back and offer your gift. Be sure to make friends quickly with your opponents while you are with them on the way to court. Otherwise, they will haul you before the judge, the judge will turn you over to the officer of the court, and you will be thrown into prison. I say to you in all seriousness that you won’t get out of there until you’ve paid the very last penny.

## WONDER

- What does it look like when you are angry?
- How do these images relate to the scripture?
- What does it mean to ‘make things right’?
- What is a gift that could be offered to make things right?

## PRAY

Creator God, help us to make things right when we have wronged our siblings. We know that judgment comes quickly and reconciliation can take longer. Thank you for the grace you offer us. Amen.