



SELECTED “BE GOLDEN” RESOURCES

FROM CHURCH DOCUMENTS:

An authentic faith . . . always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it. We love this magnificent planet on which God has put us, and we love the human family which dwells here, with all its tragedies and struggles, its hopes and aspirations, its strengths and weaknesses. The earth is our common home and all of us are brothers and sisters.

- Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 183

Concern for those most in need springs from a decision to love the poor in a special manner. This is a love which is not exclusive and thus cannot be interpreted as a sign of partiality or sectarianism; in loving the poor the Christian imitates the attitude of the Lord, who during his earthly life devoted himself with special compassion to all those in spiritual and material need.

- Pope John Paul II, *Ecclesia in America*, no. 27

The obligation to participate in political life is rooted in our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to bear Christian witness in all we do. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "it is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This obligation is inherent in the dignity of the human person. . . . As far as possible citizens should take an active part in public life" (nos. 1913-1915).

- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Forming Conscience for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 13

PREPARED PRAYER RESOURCES FROM USCCB:

- Novena for Faithful Citizenship (USCCB): <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/novena-for-faithful-citizenship.cfm>
- Scriptural Rosary for Justice and Peace: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/rosaries/scriptural-rosary-for-justice-and-peace.cfm>
- Scriptural Vigil on Themes of Catholic Social Teaching: <http://www.usccb.org/bible/national-bible-week/upload/scripture-vigil.pdf>

SCRIPTURE:

- Deuteronomy 24:17-22 -- Help the foreigner, the orphan, and the widow.
- Acts 4:32-35 – Share with those in need.
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 – We are many parts of one body; each relies on the other.
- Matthew 25:31-46 – Jesus says, whatever you do for the least among you, you do for me.
- Matthew 20:1-16a – Parable of the workers in the vineyard.
- John 13:1-15 – Jesus washes the feet of his disciples.
- Zechariah 7:9-10 – Show compassion to one another.
- Luke 10:25-37 – The Good Samaritan
- James 2:14-17 – Faith should be accompanied by action.
- Matthew 5:1-10-The beatitudes.
- Matthew 5:43-48-Love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you.
- Matthew 22:36-40 – The greatest commandment.

HYMNS AND SONGS:

- "We Are Called" (David Haas)
- "Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo / We Are the Body of Christ" (Jaime Cortez)
- "Ubi Caritas" (various settings)
- "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning" (BEACH SPRING / Ruth Duck)
- "The Servant Song" (Richard Gillard)
- "Go Make a Difference" (Steve Angrisano)
- "The Harvest of Justice" (David Haas)
- "He Has Anointed Me" (Mike Balhoff)
- "Here I Am, Lord" (Dan Schutte)
- "Jesus Still Lives" (Suzanne Toolan)
- "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" (James W. Johnson)
- "Send Me, Jesus" (Thuma Mina) (South African)
- "Christ Has No Body Now But Yours" (Steven C. Warner)
- "God Has Chosen Me" (Bernadette Farrell)
- "The Church of Christ" (O WALY WALY / Fred Pratt Green)
- "Love One Another" (Bob Dufford)
- "A Place at the Table" (Shirley Erena Murray / Lori True)
- "Let There Be Peace on Earth" (Sy Miller / Jill Jackson)
- "Prayer of St. Francis" (Sebastian Temple)
- "They'll Know We Are Christians" (Peter Scholtes)
- "Where Charity and Love Prevail" (Paul Benoit)
- "Lead Me, Lord" (John D. Becker)
- "We Are Many Parts" (Marty Haugen)
- "Jesu, Jesu" (Ghana folk song / Tom Colvin)
- "Make Us True Servants" (SLANE/ Susan G. Wentze)
- "We Are the Light of the World" (Jean Anthony Greif)
- "Whatsoever You Do" (Willard Jabusch)

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

FOR THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH:

- For the Church, that we may be a witness to Christ's love by practicing charity and peace, we pray . . .
- For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and all bishops, that they may be loving, wise and holy witnesses of Christ, our Savior, we pray . . .
- For the Church, that she may it grow stronger in her resolve to welcome and embrace those who are living on the margins of society, we pray . . .

FOR PUBLIC AUTHORITIES AND THE SALVATION OF THE WHOLE WORLD:

- For our nation, that we may be united in building a society in which people care deeply for one another, we pray. . .
- For Catholics everywhere, that the values of our faith may guide us as we exercise our responsibility as citizens, we pray . . .
- For an end to all acts of war, violence, prejudice, and hatred, we pray . . .
- For the earth and all its creatures, that we will treat our planet with the care of a good steward, we pray . . .
- For workers around the world, especially those who work long hours for little pay, that we might all seek ways to promote fairness, justice, and dignity in their lives, we pray . . .
- For those who serve in elected office, that they may lead with courage and wisdom, reflecting the Church's teaching of preferential treatment for the poor, we pray . . .
- For an increase in our own missionary spirit, so that we may help the message of love be made known to the ends of the earth, we pray . . .

FOR THOSE IN NEED:

- For those who are suffering from poverty and injustice, that we may strive to help them live in dignity, we pray . . .
- For all who are victims of crime or oppression, we pray . . .
- For the voiceless and the powerless, that the Lord will lift them up and answer their need through us, we pray . . .
- For those who suffer from physical and mental illness, that they may be healed through God's infinite mercy and be comforted by those who care for them, we pray . . .

FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY:

- For the members of this community, that we may find ways to help build greater respect for human life and human dignity, we pray . . .
- For our community, that we will learn to embrace the gifts and needs of all, especially the poor and the powerless, we pray . . .
- For families: May they grow stronger in their love and commitment to one another, we pray . . .
- For people with disabilities, that they may be treated with the loving care and respect due to each person, we pray . . .
- For medical professionals and caretakers, that respect for each person's life may characterize their every action, we pray . . .

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 10TH, 2019 (LECTIONARY #24)

- Deuteronomy 26:4-10 – Moses tells his people, “My father was a wandering Aramean, who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien.” The Egyptians mistreated his family, but they grew into a great nation with the help of God. How do we welcome the stranger? Do we see Jesus in the face of someone very different from us?
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 17TH, 2019 (LECTIONARY #25)

- Philippians 3:17-4:1 – St. Paul says, “Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us.” Do we strive to imitate Christ? Who is a model of Christ-like behavior in your life?
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 24TH, 2019 YEAR C (LECTIONARY #30)

- Luke 13:1-9 – Jesus tells the parable of the barren fig tree. The gardener said of it, “I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not, you can cut it down.” Do we take time to cultivate relationships so that they may bear fruit in the future? What are the ways we can “fertilize” our community so that it is more loving? Is it ever necessary to prune away something that is harmful to the growth of love and justice?
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 24TH, 2019 YEAR A (LECTIONARY #28)

- John 4:5-42 – Jesus asks the Samaritan woman for a drink at the well. “The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?’ —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.” Jesus offers her the living water of eternal life. The woman tells her friends and relatives, and Jesus stays with the Samaritans for two days. Do we seek common ground with those who seem very different from us? Are we willing to see past someone’s flaws and offer Christian fellowship?
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 31ST, 2019 YEAR C (LECTIONARY #33)

- Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 – The Pharisees complained about Jesus, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So, Jesus tells them the parable of the prodigal son. Do we welcome the least among us into the best parts of our lives? Is our parish a place where all feel welcome? Do we forgive others even when they make poor choices?
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 31ST, 2019 YEAR A (LECTIONARY #31)

- John 9:1-41 – The disciples ask Jesus, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Jesus then heals the man of his blindness.

Are we sometimes blind to the goodness of God in others? Do we willingly help those who need it? What are some ways that we can make the love of Christ more visible in the world?

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, APRIL 7TH, 2019 YEAR C (LECTIONARY #36)

- John 8:1-11 – The scribes and Pharisees bring the woman caught in adultery to Jesus and say that the law of Moses requires that she be stoned. Jesus replies, “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Are we too quick to judge others, spread gossip, or put others down? Do we practice humility? Do we regularly make use of the sacrament of Reconciliation?

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, APRIL 7TH, 2019 YEAR A (LECTIONARY #34)

- John 11:1-45 – Mary and Martha grieve the death of Lazarus, whom Jesus also loved deeply. Jesus tells Martha, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” Jesus raises Lazarus from the tomb, and by this sign, many believed in him. How do we care for our family and close friends? Do we trust fully? Do we expect repayment for good deeds, or are we willing to perform “random acts of kindness”?