



Church of the Brethren
Prayer Calendar for the Season of Lent 2012

Prayers for the month of March

March 4

At the end of this week the members of the Mission and Ministry Board of the Church of the Brethren will travel to New Windsor, MD to guide the work of the Church. Pray for each one, that the Holy Spirit might guide their thoughts and that their collective wisdom may continue to lead us into the mission of God in the world.

March 11

Culturally we aren't encouraged to share. We lock our possessions away, and even spend more on our pets and lawns than we do serving others. As you pray this week consider how your many gifts- money, space, time, and energy- can be shared in order to help build the Kingdom of God. Prayerfully consider how your congregation can take part in One Great Hour of Sharing.

<http://www.brethren.org/offerings/onegreathourofsharing/>

March 18

Lent grew out of the extended preparation for baptism in the early Church. Whole groups of people would pray, study, and fast together. Take some time this week to recall your own preparation for baptism. Consider sharing your experience with a close spiritual friend or deacon in your congregation. Pray together that this season of Lent might be a time of renewal and recommitment to your baptism covenant.

March 25

This week western Christians celebrate the Annunciation, the day when, as Luke records, the angel spoke to Mary that she would give birth to Jesus. Sit for a moment to ponder just how afraid she was- a visit from an angel, news that she would give birth at such a young age, and that she would soon show signs of being pregnant without a husband. What fears do you hold

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*