

40 Days of Prayer
March 30 – April 5, 2025

Read Genesis 1:1-25.

“In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters”. (vv. 1-2)

This Lent we are encouraging you to spend time daily in prayer. Each week we have a devotion to get you started. You may want to light a candle. We have special music to accompany your prayer time. You can find the link for this in our weekly e-Newsletter and on our website.

Genesis reminds us that in the beginning was chaos. And God was in that chaos. God spoke to the chaos and brought order and structure to the chaos. And still, God was there.

There are days when our lives feel out of our control. We feel that we are living in chaos. Think about what scares you. When do you feel most out of control? When do you feel that you are drowning in the chaos?

These are the days when it's most tempting to shut everyone and everything out – to put up all the barriers. On these days, invite God in. Ask God to speak – to you, to the chaos, to your situation. And remember – God is in the chaos. Stop and listen – not to your words, but to God's Word; not to the world's noise, but to God's still small voice.

This week, in your prayer time, lay yourself open before God and speak honestly of your chaos. Ask God to speak to you – as God has spoken to the chaos since the beginning. Ask God to hold you through the chaos. Open your heart and mind to truly listen to God during this time.

After you have spent time listening, you may use this or another prayer as a springboard for your own conversation with God.

Holy God, when the chaos rages around me, help me to listen for your voice. Give me your strength and remind me of your presence with me.

Continue in your time of prayer and conversation with God as long as you would like, remembering to come back each day to continue to get to know God better and develop this friendship.