



Lenten Devotional

Drawing Near to God: Reflect, Repent, Renew



RE-IMAGINING
INTER-GENERATIONAL CHRISTIAN
VALUES AND BELIEFS

Reimagine Intergenerational Lenten Devotional

Theme: “*Drawing Near to God: Reflect, Repent, Renew*”

Purpose: To bring all generations (children, youth, adults, and seniors) together in a sacred virtual space to reflect on God’s Word during the Lenten season.

Format: In-Person or Virtual (Zoom / Teams / Google Meet)

Length: 60–75 minutes

What Participants Need

- Personal journal binder, or lined paper for reflection
- Pen, pencil, or crayons
- Bible or mobile Bible app
- Quiet space and open heart

Event Order

Welcome & Opening Prayer (5 minutes)

- Brief welcome from the CE Director, host or pastor
- Warm welcome to all generations
- Brief explanation of Lent and the evening’s theme
- Opening prayer focusing on repentance, grace, and spiritual renewal

What is Lenten Season?

The Lenten season is a sacred period in the Christian calendar that invites believers to slow down, look inward, and draw closer to God.

The **purpose** of the Lenten season is to intentionally draw closer to God as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter.

Lent lasts 40 days (not counting Sundays)

It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday, leading up to Easter Sunday

The 40 days reflect Jesus' time of fasting and prayer in the wilderness

Purpose of Lent

Lent is a season of spiritual preparation, centered on:

Reflection – examining our hearts, lives, and relationship with God

Repentance – turning away from sin and returning to God with humility

Renewal – growing spiritually through intentional practices

Key practices

Many Christians observe Lent through:

Prayer – deeper, more intentional conversations with God

Fasting – giving up certain foods, habits, or distractions to focus on God

Almsgiving – acts of generosity, service, and justice toward others

Scripture reading – engaging God's Word more consistently

Symbols of Lent

Ashes – remind us of our mortality and need for repentance

Purple – symbolizes repentance, humility, and royalty (Christ as King)

The Cross – a central focus as we remember Christ's sacrifice

Scripture Reading & Short Devotional (10 minutes)

Scripture read by **multiple generations** (child, youth, adult, senior)

Scripture options:

- Psalm 51:10–12
- Joel 2:12–13
- Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18

Facilitate a brief reflection with participants on what the passage teaches about drawing near to God.

Guided Group Reflections (20 minutes)

Facilitator will ask participants to discuss and answer prompts below (soft worship music playing in the background)

Prompt Options (choose 3–4):

- Where is God inviting me to slow down during this Lenten season?
- What should I do to draw closer to God?
- How can I live out Jesus' love more intentionally this week?
- What does renewal look like for me right now?

In-Person or Virtual Breakout Activity (20 minutes)

- In-person all participants will break into small groups or can be a family or group of 2 or more.
- All participants will share a word, sentence, prayer, or drawing
- Emphasize listening—no pressure to speak

Select one of the prompts from the group discussion to reinforce group reflection with the following activities below:

Example: How can I live out Jesus' love more intentionally this week?

Recommended Activity Ideas (select at least 1)

- Create a picture reflecting Jesus' love.
- Write a short prayer or poem to answer prompt (can also be a group effort to share during reflection)
- Reflect on God's grace and mercy and respond to the prompt in writing. (can share during reflection)

Purpose: Encourages storytelling and mentoring

Closing Reflection & Prayer (10 minutes)

- Facilitator will:
 - offer a short reflection on the theme of the event “*Drawing Near to God: Reflect, Repent, Renew*”
 - ask for volunteers to share their poems, prayers and reflections.
 - ask youth to offer the closing prayer.

Follow-Up Engagement

- If event was recorded, send portions of your recording to info@reimagineigc.org.
- Send pictures of in-person events, poems, reflections from participants.