



Reaching for Grace

Renewed by Grace

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# Comfort Food for the Soul

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## Monthly Devotional March 2026

“New Mercies for a New Year”

### SCRIPTURE READING

“Search Us, O God”

Scripture

“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!” — [Psalm 139:23–24](#) (ESV)

March carries us toward the cross. As we move closer to remembering Christ’s suffering and celebrating His resurrection, Scripture gently turns our attention inward. Before there is celebration, there must be examination. Before renewal comes repentance.

David’s prayer in [Psalm 139](#) is not defensive but open. He invites the Lord to search him—to expose what he cannot see in himself. That is a courageous prayer. It acknowledges that the greatest obstacles to spiritual growth are not outside pressures but hidden corners of the heart.

For us at Grace Baptist Church, March is an opportunity to ask the Lord to refine us. Not merely to strengthen us in waiting, but to purify us in walking. Are there attitudes that need surrender? Habits that need correction? Priorities that need realignment? The path to “the way everlasting” begins with humble honesty before God.

The beauty of this prayer is that it is not a cry of fear but of trust. The God who searches us is the God who loves us. He exposes in order to heal. He corrects in order to restore. He leads not into shame, but into life.

As a church family, may this month be marked by quiet confession, renewed devotion, and deeper holiness. When the Lord searches us, He does so with the intent to shape us into the likeness of Christ. And that shaping prepares us to rejoice fully in the victory of Easter.

May March be a month of soft hearts, clear consciences, and steady steps in the everlasting way.

Prayer

Holy Father, We ask You to search us and know us. Reveal what we cannot see and correct what we resist surrendering. Guard Grace Baptist Church from surface religion and draw us into sincere devotion. Cleanse our hearts, renew our minds, and lead us in the way everlasting. As we approach the cross, prepare us to worship with purity and gratitude. Shape us into a people who reflect Christ in humility and holiness. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

### March 2026 Memory Verses

#### Week 1 [1 JOHN 1:9](#)

(ESV) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(KJV) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(NLT) But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

#### A Prayer

Faithful Father,

Your Word promises that if we confess our sins, You forgive and cleanse us. We come honestly before You, admitting where we have failed in thought, word, and action. Thank You that forgiveness rests on Your faithfulness and on Christ’s finished work—not on our worthiness. Wash us clean. Restore our joy. Help us walk in the light with humble and obedient hearts. We trust Your promise and rest in Your grace. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

#### Week 2 [EPHESIANS 2:8–9](#)

(ESV) For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

(KJV) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

(NLT) God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

#### A Prayer

Gracious God,

Your Word reminds us that by grace we have been saved through faith—and this is not our own doing; it is Your gift. Not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Lord, we confess how easily we drift toward self-reliance and pride. Forgive us for thinking we could ever earn what only You can give. Thank You that salvation rests entirely on Your grace and not on our performance. Deepen our faith. Keep our hearts humble. Let our lives reflect gratitude for the gift we could never deserve but freely receive in Christ. All glory belongs to You. In Jesus’ name, by the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

#### Week 3 [1 JOHN 4:7](#)

(ESV) Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

(KJV) Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

(NLT) Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.

#### A Prayer

Loving Father,

You are the source of all true love. Thank You for loving us first and calling us Your own. Teach us to love one another sincerely and sacrificially. Remove selfishness, impatience, and harshness from our hearts. Fill us with kindness, compassion, and grace so that others may see Your love through us. Let our homes, our church, and our community be marked by the love that comes from You alone. Help us reflect the heart of Christ in every word and action. We ask this in the power of Your Spirit and for Your glory alone. Amen.

#### Week 4 [PSALM 34:19](#)

(ESV) Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

(KJV) Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

(NLT) The righteous person faces many troubles, but the LORD comes to the rescue each time.

#### A Prayer

Sovereign Lord,

You never promised a life free from trouble, but You have promised deliverance. When afflictions feel heavy and unrelenting, remind us that they are neither random nor final. Strengthen us in the trial. Guard our hearts from despair. Teach us to trust You in the waiting and to look for Your faithful hand at work even in hardship. Thank You that suffering does not have the last word—You do. We rest in Your power to rescue, sustain, and carry us through. Be our refuge and our deliverer, now and always. Amen.

#### Week 5 [JEREMIAH 33:3](#)

(ESV) Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

(KJV) Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

(NLT) Ask me and I will tell you remarkable secrets you do not know about things to come.

#### A Prayer

Faithful God,

You invite us to call on You, and You promise to answer. What a mercy that the Creator of heaven and earth bends His ear toward us. Teach us to pray with confidence and expectancy. When we feel uncertain or overwhelmed, draw us back to Your presence. Open our eyes to the great and hidden things You desire to reveal—truths about Your character, Your will, and Your purposes. Give us patient hearts as we wait for Your answers, trusting that You speak in wisdom and love. We call on You now, believing You hear us. Amen.