

Monday 4th March 2024

On this day in 1861, Abraham Lincoln was sworn in as American President. He is one of the most respected American presidents but he could have given up at any time as he faced countless failures and negative experiences.

1832- Defeated in State elections.

1883- Business failed and massive debts.

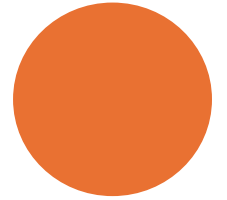
1836- Nervous breakdown

1849-Left Politics

1855-Defeated in elections on return to politics.

Three of his four children died young.

He never gave up and his faith in God helped him daily.



Let us pray

Father , into your hands we place our successes. Into your hands we also place our failures.We pray that through your Spirit, we may face the challenges of life with courage and determination.Help us to think anew and see things more broadly than in terms of 'success' or 'failure', and focus more on faithfulness.

Lead us to trust and place ourselves confidently in Your hands.

Amen

Tuesday 5th March 2024

Lent is a season during which we are called to be more mindful of the choices we make, choices which can bring us closer to each other and God, or distance us from others. Although free will is a gift from God, at times we make the wrong decision. This can result in us hurting others.

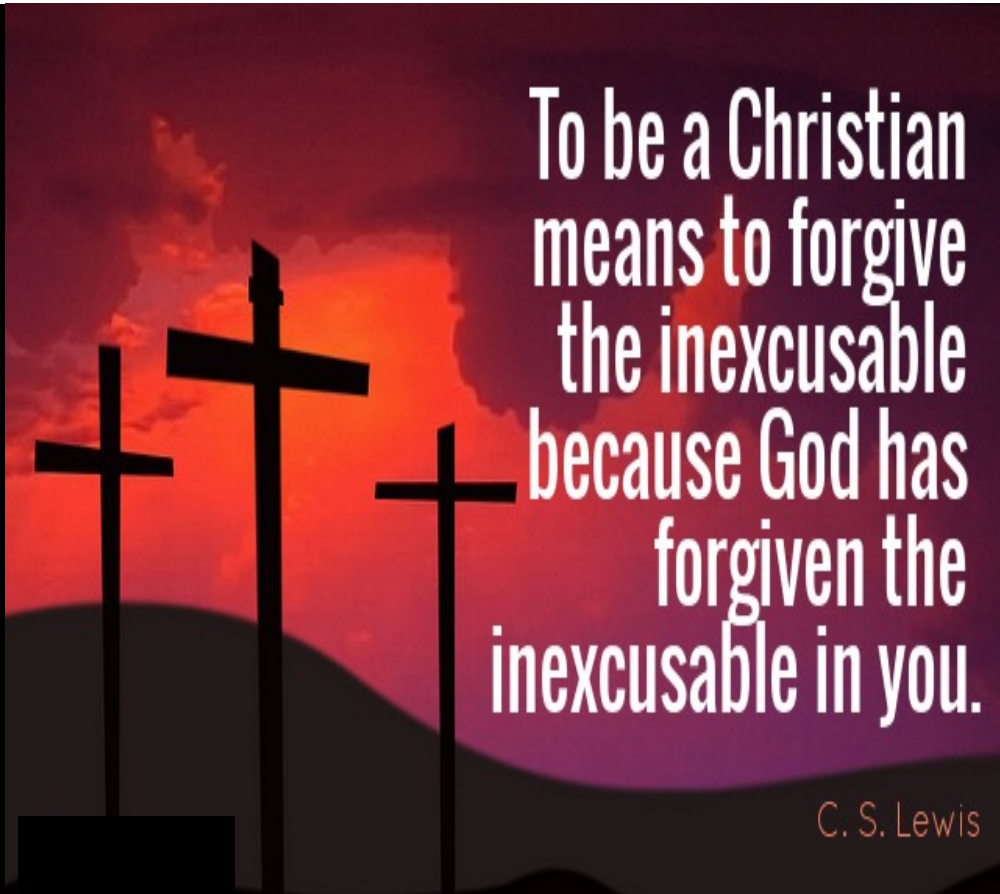
Let Us Pray
Loving Father

I know I am weak and I make mistakes.
I also know that you love me regardless of this.
I know at times I make the wrong choices and let myself
down. When I turn to You,
I know you will forgive me.

When I get it wrong, and I fall, help me to get back up and
start again.

Knowing I am forgiven, help me to forgive others who may
also make the wrong choice.

Amen

The image shows three black crosses of varying heights on a dark, silhouetted hill. The background is a vibrant sunset or sunrise sky with shades of orange, red, and purple. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

To be a Christian
means to forgive
the inexcusable
because God has
forgiven the
inexcusable in you.

C. S. Lewis

Wednesday 6th March

This beautiful icon has been painted by Miss Byron. It depicts Mary the mother of God, undoer of knots . Let your eyes gaze on the painting.

Are there any difficult or complicated situations that you might face this week?

Pass them to Mary.

Ask for her help, her intercession.

Let us pray

Mother Mary, full of kindness and patience,
you intercede on our behalf.

We place before you our anxieties, our troubles and our scattered thoughts.

Help us to resolve our tangled and complicated problems and relationships.

Through your grace and intercession, help us to unravel the knots which form within our hearts and minds so we might see clearly , act lovingly and live peacefully.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus.

Amen



Thursday 7th March

Sunday is Mother's Day. This year let us pray for the mothers in Ukraine and Gaza and the mothers of all soldiers involved in conflict.

Loving God

Who heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds.

May it be your will to hear the prayer of mothers,

For you did not create us to kill each other

Nor to live in fear, anger or hatred in your world. Your will is peace.

For mothers holding their children with despair and darkness in their heart, comfort them.

For mothers gripped by fear as their children fight, give them hope.

For mothers who feel the pain of these terrible days, strengthen them.

Peace is Your will, loving Father.

Inspire all to embrace your ways.

Amen.



Mother Mary,
Pray For Us.

Friday 8th March 2024

Today is International Women's Day. The day encourages us to reflect on the achievements of women but also the inequality Women around the world still face.

Did you know?

1. Only 6 countries give women equal legal work rights as men- Belgium, Denmark, France, Latvia, Luxembourg and Sweden
2. In low-income countries, for every hundred boys who continue their education after high school, only fifty-five girls do the same.
3. 17 countries limit when and how women can travel outside the home.
4. In most countries, women only earn between 60 and 75% of men's wages - for the same work.
5. There are approximately 781 million illiterate adults worldwide – two-thirds of whom are women



Dear Lord

There are lots of places in our world, including this country, where people are not treated equally, because of their gender, race or just because they're different.

Help us to see that each and every person is a unique and special child of God – created in his image and **equal to**

everybody else. Amen

