## DAILY PRAYER

(for the week of March 13 - 19)

How, O God, shall we repent? Shall we recount our sins and then push them away from us, knowing that we regather and empower them even as we speak of them with contempt? Shall we seek forgiveness for all, and then resolve to resist at least the most heinous and offensive? Can we resolve to be and to do better, toward the simple goal of at least not being or doing worse? More clearly now than in other seasons, O God, we see that our sins are not solitary or isolated acts of ill will, but examples and expressions of our root condition. We call ourselves "fallen" or "damaged." More surely than this, God, we are informed by fear, and crafted by death. It will not be enough to rescue us from the world. We need you to overcome the world...to save the world from itself. And you have overcome the world! So, my God, I pray, however quietly, however feebly, in hope. Amen.