40 Ideas

for

40 days of Lent Related to:

Connecting with God, Serving Others, and Taking Care of Ourselves

- 1. Say "Hi" to God today, and if you wish, continue the conversation with what's on your mind!
- 2. Find something beautiful and enjoy it through your senses
- 3.Light a candle and find peace
- 4. Take a deep breath of fresh air and smile
- **5.Draw a picture of something that makes** you happy
- 6.Hug a family member randomly
- 7. Learn something about a vulnerable population you don't know much about
- 8. Help out with a task that you don't really like doing today
- 9.Text someone something encouraging
- 10. Ask God to help you know and follow your truest desires
- 11. Write a letter to a friend and mail it

- 12. Take a walk outside and notice the sky and its uniqueness
- **13.** Eat a meal in silence and savor every bite slowly
- 14. Forgive someone for something that you've been holding onto
- 15. Think about the nature around you-the trees, snow, wind, etc.-and marvel at its presence
- 16. Write a page in a notebook about how you're feeling
- 17. Meditate silently for 3 minutes, focusing on your breath. Notice how you feel after
- **18.** Make dessert for your family tonight
- 19. Grab a blanket, wrap it around you, and enjoy the good feeling!
- 20. Take 5 minutes to stretch your body however feels good
- 21. Put on a fun song and have a little dance party
- 22. Ask God to guide you today in everything you do!
- 23. Before you fall asleep, think about how you experience God's blessings
- 24. Write a short poem about what you're grateful for

- **25.** Find an inspiring quote that reminds you of joy and/or peace
- 26. Find something new, fun and unique to decorate your bedroom with
- 27. Ask yourself where you see God most clearly in your life
- 28. Ask yourself who God is to you
- **29.** Ask yourself what you really want in life, and what is most important to you
- 30. Read a page in a book you've been wanting to get to (or a magazine, blog, etc.)
- 31. Pray and ask for healing and goodness for yourself, others and the world
- **32. Tell someone something you appreciate about them**
- 33. Look in the mirror and offer gratitude and respect to your reflection
- 34. Research how you can creatively and positively affect someone less fortunate than you today
- 35. Visualize your ideal for how you will impact the world, share it with God, and take the next step towards realizing that vision
- **36. Donate some money toward a cause that's important to you**

- **37.** Remember that good humor is healthy and find several reasons to laugh today
- 38. Refrain from saying anything negative today. Refrain from complaining.
- **39.** Choose a favorite way to pray (it can be anything!) and do this intentionally for at least 10 minutes
- 40. Think about all the things you love about yourself and your life and say "thank you"