

“THE BIBLE: YOUR PRAYER BOOK FOR LENT”: MARCH 7, 2019 – THURSDAY

Today's Prayer: Numbers 14:11-20

¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ‘How long will this people despise me? And how long will they refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them?’

¹²I will strike them with pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they.’

Moses Intercedes for the People

¹³ But Moses said to the LORD, ‘Then the Egyptians will hear of it, for in your might you brought up this people from among them,

¹⁴and they will tell the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that you, O LORD, are in the midst of this people; for you, O LORD, are seen face to face, and your cloud stands over them and you go in front of them, in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night.

¹⁵Now if you kill this people all at one time, then the nations who have heard about you will say,

¹⁶“It is because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land he swore to give them that he has slaughtered them in the wilderness.”

¹⁷And now, therefore, let the power of the LORD be great in the way that you promised when you spoke, saying,

¹⁸ “The LORD is slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love,
forgiving iniquity and transgression,
but by no means clearing the guilty,
visiting the iniquity of the parents
upon the children
to the third and the fourth generation.”

¹⁹Forgive the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of your steadfast love, just as you have pardoned this people, from Egypt even until now.’

²⁰ Then the LORD said, ‘I do forgive, just as you have asked.

Let us pray for those whom we believe may not be righteous or committed to the cause of justice. Pray for a change of heart. Amen.