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University of Dayton campus ministry is taking to Twitter, Facebook and a blog to issue a Lenten challenge to its students, faculty and staff.

The challenge, outlined at <http://udlentenchallenge.tumblr.com>, asks followers to commit to grow deeper in their faith during Lent. At @udliturgies on Twitter, the question is, "What are your plans to grow closer to God?" The "Liturgies @ UD" Facebook page urges people to show their commitment to the Lenten challenge with a purple bracelet available at Masses on campus.

"As you pray about what your Lenten goal should be, think about how you could be more aware of God's presence in your life," blog editor and campus ministry graduate assistant for liturgy Katie Mathews wrote. "This Lent is about becoming aware of God's presence. It's about offering up time and effort to just being with God. How will you do that?"

The University community and public have multiple opportunities to start their own Lenten challenge and grow deeper in their faith.

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13, with Masses at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception Chapel, 4:30 p.m. at Holy Angels Church and 9 p.m. in the McGinnis Center. Interdenominational services are scheduled for noon and 7 p.m. in the Marianist Hall chapel.

On Mondays throughout Lent, campus ministry will hold a Lenten prayer service at 8:30 p.m. in the Marianist Hall chapel.

On Fridays during Lent, except for March 1, the University will observe the Stations of the Cross at 4:30 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception Chapel. The University also will observe Stations of the Cross at 4 p.m. Feb. 21 and March 14 at the McGinnis Center and at noon March 22 at the Immaculate Conception Chapel.

A prayer and reconciliation service will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, in the Immaculate Conception Chapel.

All events are open to the public, except for events in Marianist Hall.

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