



PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

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PCPC PRAYER GUIDE INTRODUCTION

This guide has a simple aim: to help us grow in our love for God through time in His Word and prayer. The Bible teaches that in order to love God we need a relationship with Him. Though we had caused alienation from God by our sin, God Himself has nevertheless provided for that relationship in His overcoming the alienation through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is God the Son. In union with Christ, we now have intimate access to God as our heavenly Father. Scripture and prayer are the means through which we experience, apply, and enjoy that relationship. As we learn to pray, and as we learn to listen and obey the gracious overtures of God's Word, we learn to live as God's children, loving and trusting Him more fully.

WHY DAILY PRAYER?

Why set aside fixed times every day for prayer? Why not simply pray unprompted, when the stirring comes? Practically speaking, we are creatures attuned to rhythms. We order our lives by sunrises and sunsets, by hours, weeks, seasons, and years. Daily prayer is a way of consecrating our ordinary rhythms to God, ensuring that all of life is offered to Him. C. S. Lewis once wrote, "Relying on God has to begin all over again every day as if nothing had yet been done." And so it must. Our relationship with God should take hold of our schedules as well as our hearts.

Historically speaking, this has been the way of God's people. Consider the testimonies of the psalmists:

"Blessed is the man whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates *day and night*" (Psalm 1:1-2).

"*Evening and morning and at noon* I cry out to you..." (Psalm 55:17).

"*Seven times a day* do I praise you..." (Psalm 119:64).

By the time of the first century, the ritual of daily prayer was formally embedded in Jewish spirituality. There were several hours in the day that marked regular times for prayer. The first detailed miracle in Acts happened because Peter and John were going to the temple "at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour" (Acts 3:1) for three o'clock prayers. Peter's vision in Acts 10 confirming God's grace for the Gentiles occurred as he was observing sixth-hour prayer, his noon devotions (Acts 10:9). The community that gathered after Pentecost devoted themselves daily to "the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42).

The practice of daily prayer continued through the early church and expanded consistently throughout time and culture wherever the gospel spread. Along with

Sunday worship and the sacraments, daily prayer remains a central way that Christians all over the world express devotion to Christ.

But we might simply hearken back to Jesus Himself. Even being the eternal Son of God, Jesus set aside times to pray regularly. He celebrated His dependence on the Father (John 5:19, 30) and sought sanctuary in solitude with Him (Luke 5:16). If it was necessary for Jesus who is "very God of very God," how much more for us who are made to bear His image?

WHY A PRAYER GUIDE?

A common objection to using a liturgy for devotions is that it restricts freedom, deteriorating into heartless formality. However, if you have ever found yourself repeating the same words and phrases over and over again in prayer "spontaneously," then you know that our own minds and experiences are just as restrictive. Guided prayer is not meant to curb freedom but to bolster it by introducing into our prayer life the language and imagery of the Scriptures.

Here are a few compelling reasons to use a prayer guide:

1. It helps us to pray regularly.

Sometimes we may not pray regularly because we may not know where to begin. A prayer guide takes the pressure off needing to make that decision anew every day. It repeatedly says, "Start here." You do not need a stirring, a reason, a plan, or consistency. Simply "start here" and let God's Word lead you into prayer.

2. It helps us to pray biblically.

In this prayer guide there is no commentary from gifted Christian authors or pastors. It is uncluttered, so to speak. The elements come either directly from Scripture or from common worship. The majority of time is spent in the Psalms, a book of the Bible meant especially for prayer and worship. One of the encouraging messages reiterated in the Psalms is that you do not have to put on a happy face to live the Christian life. Praying biblically allows us to pray the truth of who we are while growing in the hope of who we might yet become.

3. It helps us to pray communally.

Though we are praying individually, we are doing so together, specifically as a church body. This book is meant for this flock, in this time and place. To know that others with whom God has joined us are reading and praying the same words encourages us in our common journey. Prayer is a communal activity as much as much as an individual one.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Use this guide however may be helpful to you. For many, that means using it just as it is. For others who are already committed to daily reading plans or Bible studies, that may mean skipping the Scripture readings and only using some of the other portions. For those who are in the habit of family worship, you can adapt the guide to read and pray together as a family.

Here are suggestions for each of the elements:

The Call to Worship

The Call to Worship is God's initiating with you through His Word. Read the call, perhaps out loud. Receive God's invitation to worship Him as spoken to you in that moment.

The Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Praise God for who He is as He has shown in His Word and in your life. Thank Him for His presence and gifts in your life.

The Readings

The other daily readings for this season are from the Gospel of John, a gospel told in narratives which are both convincingly truthful and artistically rich. As one writer puts it, "We see Jesus silhouetted against a world of formalized religion, hypocrisy, envy, evil and suffering. It is a world of death; of spiritual death and of bodily death. To this world He would bring life." In this Easter season, we meditate on the life of Jesus which death could not conquer. And we receive into ourselves by faith the power of His life at work in us and in our world. He is alive still, reigning over all things, and in His life and reign is all our hope.

The Prayers for the Day and for the Night

In the morning, begin by saying The Lord's Prayer, the model for prayer that Jesus taught His disciples. (You can find the words in the Appendix of this guide.) Each phrase of The Lord's Prayer is filled with grace and challenge. Say the prayer expectantly for the day ahead.

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession are opportunities for you to lay out before God whatever burdens you carry as well as those others carry. Ask Him for things. Ask Him for mercy. Ask Him to help you become more like Christ.

The Closing Prayer is a way to conclude. All of the closing prayers draw from *The Book of Common Prayer* and are unique to either morning or evening. They are called "collects" because they gather our prayers together and present them before God collectively as we go about our scattered lives. Pray this prayer as your own in the confidence that others are praying with you.

The Confession of Sin

The Confession of Sin occurs at night as we review our days. It is an opportunity to repent for the ways we have missed the mark and to receive the grace we need for renewal and change. In the Appendix you will find a longer explanation for the process of self-examination that fits here.

The Words of Assurance

The Words of Assurance are God's promise to forgive, cleanse, accept, and renew you in Christ. Hold onto these as you would anything of great value. Return to them when doubts or disillusionment grow.

The Grace

The Grace is God's blessing on you as you go out into your day or lay your head down to sleep. Receive it as a final word until you return to pray again.

Sundays

Sundays are unique as our time to gather and worship as a church family, to celebrate once again the victory of Christ over sin and death. There are only Psalm readings on Sunday because the liturgy of corporate worship is our primary focus. Consider using the Sunday morning liturgy again at night for personal prayer.

A Note for Families

This prayer guide can be a great tool for times of family worship. We suggest letting any of those who are able take turns reading each portion: one person reads the Call to Worship, another the Confession of Sin, another the Words of Assurance, and so on. This ensures that everyone is involved in both hearing and speaking the Word of God with one another. During the Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving and the Prayers of Supplication and Intercession, you may each say something aloud, no matter how short or clumsy (we are all learners!). During the Personal Examination and Confession, take a minute to pray to God personally in the quiet of your own thoughts. This is just one way to use the guide as a family. We encourage you to explore how it might best help your own worship and devotion in your life together.

As a final word, there are many great reading plans, devotionals, and exercises to encourage in us a life of prayer. This is a way to pray, only one among many that has grown up in the history of God's people. Most important is not the method, but the reality of loving and trusting God. May your relationship with Him grow.

WELCOME TO THE SEASON OF EASTER.

Easter is traditionally the climax of all the Christian feasts and it's easy to see why. Easter celebrates the final victory of God in Jesus Christ, through His bodily resurrection from the dead. Without Easter, as the Apostle Paul writes to the early church in Corinth, everything we believe about Jesus and His kingdom is meaningless. Without Easter, the life of Jesus is merely the story of another good man trying to change the world. Without Easter, the cross is the failure of Jesus' massive ambitions, and His foolish misread on the political powers of His day. Without Easter, the tomb is emblematic of the destiny that awaits us all, no matter what we do.

But Easter transforms all of that. With Easter, the life of Jesus is the story of the man who does in fact change the world. With Easter, the cross is the success of His work, the unstoppable pattern of God's love in a broken world, and the ransom of our lives from the horror of sin. With Easter, the tomb is a necessary confrontation with and triumph over the vanity and sadness of death. With Easter, the old order of things is overturned and the first day of the new creation dawns. Easter is the climactic Christian feast because in the resurrection of Christ God has begun to fulfill His promise to make all things new: our suffering, our work, our time, our relationships, our culture, our bodies - the entire world!

How then should we celebrate such incredulous grace? In a very real sense, we celebrate Easter every Sunday by gathering together as Jesus' people for worship. Christians have always worshipped on Sundays because it's a celebration not merely of a new week but of a new world, and thus a foretaste of the eternal joy and rest we have in Jesus Christ.

But Easter Sunday and the season that follows (50 days, until Pentecost) can be a time for even more focused celebration. If we've observed Lent by fasting from something we normally enjoy, we might celebrate Easter by feasting on that thing as a good gift provided by the grace of God. If Lent has been a time of deep introspection and repentance, then we might turn our attention now to the joy of our new identity in Christ - that we are no longer the sum of our sin and shame, but forever the beloved children of God and co-heirs with Christ. Another tradition that has partially endured since early times is the tradition of wearing new, white clothes on Easter Sunday. Originally, only the newly baptized wore white garments of new linen. But that continued to expand to all believers so that new clothes symbolized the new life for all who trusted in Christ.

Perhaps, however, we should look to the first Christians as models of how to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. What did the early followers of Jesus do when they were confronted with the truth of Easter? They joyfully shared that news with others. As Peter testifies in Acts, they could not "help speaking about what they had seen or heard." Easter is a good season to renew our commitment

to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ personally with others. And it's a reminder that evangelism is no dull obligation. Rather, it is the explosion of joy found at the proclamation that the tomb is empty, and Jesus is alive.

How might you renew your own commitment to share the good news of Easter with others? Here are just a few things to consider during this season:

- Spend time revisiting your own personal story of rescue and consider writing it out. When did the joy of Easter sink into your own heart? What people did God use in your life? How were you persuaded of the truth and beauty of Christ? What circumstances were meaningful along the way?
- Make a list of people to pray for whom you want to respond to the gospel. Commit to praying for them and asking God for opportunities to share with them.
- Write an account of how God has been at work in your life in the past six months. Ask God to make you sensitive and open to an opportunity to share your experience with a seeking friend.

May this Easter season give you renewed joy in God's immense love for you.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Morning Psalms: 148, 149, 150

Evening Psalm: 118

MONDAY, APRIL 22

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

[Jesus said] I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
(John 10:10b)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 93, 98

Reading the Bible Together: John 1:1-18

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, who for our redemption gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His resurrection; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. (Ephesians 6:13)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. (Job 19:25)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. I confess that I am often still overcome by fear and doubt, and walk in ways that lead to death. Help me to trust in Your power to make me new, that I may know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus Christ, my risen Lord. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

"Death has been swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your sting?" But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:54b-55, 57)

Evening Psalm: 66

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, who made us to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in Your church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship You in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. (Revelation 21:1)

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"
(Luke 24:33-34)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 103

Reading the Bible Together: John 1:19-34

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, who for our redemption gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His resurrection; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness. (Ephesians 6:14)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for He will receive me.
(Psalm 49:15)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, forgive me for washing my hands of responsibility when the risks of discipleship have seemed too high. In the bright light of Easter morning, my sin is exposed and Your grace is revealed. Raise me in Your love so that, with joy, I may witness to Your awesome deeds, in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen One. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. (Romans 8:11)

Evening Psalms: 111, 114

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, who made us to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in Your church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship You in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (Revelation 21:2)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
(Psalm 118:24)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 97, 99

Reading the Bible Together: John 1:35-51

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, who for our redemption gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His resurrection; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

And, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. (Ephesians 6:15)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the God of heaven, for His steadfast love endures forever.
(Psalm 136:26)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Merciful Father, bring new life where I am worn and tired; new love where I have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where I feel hurt and where I have wounded others; and the joy and freedom of Your Holy Spirit where I am a prisoner of my self-centeredness. In the power of Jesus' name I pray.
Amen.

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:4-6)

Evening Psalm: 115

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, who made us to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in Your church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship You in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God." (Revelation 21:3)

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival... (1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 146, 147

Reading the Bible Together: John 2:1-12

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, who for our redemption gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His resurrection; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one. (Ephesians 6:16)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. (Isaiah 25:8)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned Him Lord of all. I confess that I have not bowed before Him always, instead choosing the ways of the world and my own self-interest. Forgive me and raise me from my sin, that I may live faithfully as Your beloved child, in Jesus' name I pray. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

And you, who were dead in your trespasses God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. (Colossians 2:13-14)

Evening Psalms: 148, 149

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, who made us to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in Your church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship You in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:4)

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! (Revelation 5:12)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 136

Reading the Bible Together: John 2:13-25

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, who for our redemption gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His resurrection; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. (Ephesians 6:17-18a)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

O Lord, You showed us true humility by becoming one of us, by joining our pain and loving those who are weak, despised, and cast out. By Your example, my sin is exposed: my pride and self-sufficiency, my tendency to rush past the pain of others, and my preference toward those who are strong, respected, and popular. Forgive me, O Lord, and strengthen me, that I may shine with Your glory. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

Then He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." (Ezekiel 37:4-6)

Evening Psalm: 118

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, who made us to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in Your church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship You in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:5a)

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. (Psalm 118:22-23)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 145

Reading the Bible Together: John 3:1-21

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, who for our redemption gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His resurrection; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:18b)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt. (Psalm 93:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

To You, Holy God, I confess my sin with as much sorrow as I can muster. I know it will not be enough because I am on easy terms with my sin. I have tried to manage it instead of trusting you to mortify it. Forgive me for trying to cover my own shame, and restore me into the image of Your beloved Son, my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name I pray.
Amen.

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. (Romans 6:5, 14)

Evening Psalms: 104

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, who made us to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in Your church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship You in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment." (Revelation 21:6)

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Morning Psalms: 146, 147

Evening Psalms: 111, 112, 113

MONDAY, APRIL 29

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

[Jesus said] I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
(John 10:10b)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 1, 2, 3

Reading the Bible Together: John 3:22-36

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Grace

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. (Ephesians 6:13)

EVENING PRAYER

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For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. (Job 19:25)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. I confess that I am often still overcome by fear and doubt, and walk in ways that lead to death. Help me to trust in Your power to make me new, that I may know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus Christ, my risen Lord. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

"Death has been swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your sting?" But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:54b-55, 57)

Evening Psalms: 4, 7

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, who through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Grace

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. (Revelation 21:1)

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"
(Luke 24:33-34)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 5, 6

Reading the Bible Together: John 4:1-45

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Amen.

Grace

Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness. (Ephesians 6:14)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for He will receive me.
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Father in heaven, forgive me for washing my hands of responsibility when the risks of discipleship have seemed too high. In the bright light of Easter morning, my sin is exposed and Your grace is revealed. Raise me in Your love so that, with joy, I may witness to Your awesome deeds, in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen One. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. (Romans 8:11)

Evening Psalms: 10, 11

Prayers for the Night

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Closing Prayer

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Grace

I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (Revelation 21:2)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
(Psalm 118:24)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 119:1-24

Reading the Bible Together: John 4:46-54

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Amen.

Grace

And, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. (Ephesians 6:15)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the God of heaven, for His steadfast love endures forever.
(Psalm 136:26)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Merciful Father, bring new life where I am worn and tired; new love where I have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where I feel hurt and where I have wounded others; and the joy and freedom of Your Holy Spirit where I am a prisoner of my self-centeredness. In the power of Jesus' name I pray.
Amen.

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:4-6)

Evening Psalms: 12, 13, 14

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God." (Revelation 21:3)

THURSDAY, MAY 2

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival... (1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 18:1-20

Reading the Bible Together: John 5:1-17

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Grace

In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one. (Ephesians 6:16)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. (Isaiah 25:8)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned Him Lord of all. I confess that I have not bowed before Him always, instead choosing the ways of the world and my own self-interest. Forgive me and raise me from my sin, that I may live faithfully as Your beloved child, in Jesus' name I pray. *Amen.*

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And you, who were dead in your trespasses God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. (Colossians 2:13-14)

Evening Psalm: 18:21-50

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:4)

FRIDAY, MAY 3

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! (Revelation 5:12)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 16, 17

Reading the Bible Together: John 5:18-46

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Amen.

Grace

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. (Ephesians 6:17-18a)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

O Lord, You showed us true humility by becoming one of us, by joining our pain and loving those who are weak, despised, and cast out. By Your example, my sin is exposed: my pride and self-sufficiency, my tendency to rush past the pain of others, and my preference toward those who are strong, respected, and popular. Forgive me, O Lord, and strengthen me, that I may shine with Your glory. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

Then He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." (Ezekiel 37:4-6)

Evening Psalms: 134, 135

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, who through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Grace

And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:5a)

SATURDAY, MAY 4

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. (Psalm 118:22-23)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 20, 21

Reading the Bible Together: John 6:1-21

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

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Amen.

Grace

To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:18b)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt. (Psalm 93:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

To You, Holy God, I confess my sin with as much sorrow as I can muster. I know it will not be enough because I am on easy terms with my sin. I have tried to manage it instead of trusting you to mortify it. Forgive me for trying to cover my own shame, and restore me into the image of Your beloved Son, my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name I pray.
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For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. (Romans 6:5, 14)

Evening Psalms: 110, 116, 117

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment." (Revelation 21:6)

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Morning Psalms: 148, 149, 150

Evening Psalms: 114, 115

MONDAY, MAY 6

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

[Jesus said] I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
(John 10:10b)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 25

Reading the Bible Together: John 6:22-71

Prayers for the Day

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Grace

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. (Ephesians 6:13)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. (Job 19:25)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

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Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. I confess that I am often still overcome by fear and doubt, and walk in ways that lead to death. Help me to trust in Your power to make me new, that I may know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus Christ, my risen Lord. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

"Death has been swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your sting?" But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:54b-55, 57)

Evening Psalms: 9, 15

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Grace

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. (Revelation 21:1)

TUESDAY, MAY 7

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"
(Luke 24:33-34)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 26, 28

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Evening Psalms: 36, 39

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
(Psalm 118:24)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 38

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Evening Psalm: 119:25-48

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MORNING PRAYER

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Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 37:1-18

Reading the Bible Together: John 8:1-30

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Grace

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FRIDAY, MAY 10

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! (Revelation 5:12)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 105:1-22

Reading the Bible Together: John 8:31-59

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Evening Psalm: 105:23-45

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:5a)

SATURDAY, MAY 11

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. (Psalm 118:22-23)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 30, 32

Reading the Bible Together: John 9

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:18b)

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Evening Psalms: 42, 43

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment." (Revelation 21:6)

SUNDAY, MAY 12

Morning Psalms: 63, 98

Evening Psalm: 103

MONDAY, MAY 13

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

[Jesus said] I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
(John 10:10b)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 41, 52

Reading the Bible Together: John 10:1-21

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of Your people: Grant that when we hear His voice, we may know Him who calls us each by name, and follow where He leads; who, with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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Words of Assurance

"Death has been swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your sting?" But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:54b-55, 57)

Evening Psalm: 44

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with Him, may abide in His presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. (Revelation 21:1)

TUESDAY, MAY 14

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"
(Luke 24:33-34)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 45

Reading the Bible Together: John 10:22-42

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of Your people: Grant that when we hear His voice, we may know Him who calls us each by name, and follow where He leads; who, with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness. (Ephesians 6:14)

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If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. (Romans 8:11)

Evening Psalms: 47, 48

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with Him, may abide in His presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (Revelation 21:2)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
(Psalm 118:24)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 119:49-72

Reading the Bible Together: John 11:1-44

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of Your people: Grant that when we hear His voice, we may know Him who calls us each by name, and follow where He leads; who, with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

And, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. (Ephesians 6:15)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the God of heaven, for His steadfast love endures forever.
(Psalm 136:26)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Merciful Father, bring new life where I am worn and tired; new love where I have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where I feel hurt and where I have wounded others; and the joy and freedom of Your Holy Spirit where I am a prisoner of my self-centeredness. In the power of Jesus' name I pray.
Amen.

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:4-6)

Evening Psalm: 49

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God." (Revelation 21:3)

THURSDAY, MAY 16

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival... (1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 50

Reading the Bible Together: John 11:45-57

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of Your people: Grant that when we hear His voice, we may know Him who calls us each by name, and follow where He leads; who, with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one. (Ephesians 6:16)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. (Isaiah 25:8)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned Him Lord of all. I confess that I have not bowed before Him always, instead choosing the ways of the world and my own self-interest. Forgive me and raise me from my sin, that I may live faithfully as Your beloved child, in Jesus' name I pray. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

And you, who were dead in your trespasses God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. (Colossians 2:13-14)

Evening Psalms: 114, 115

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:4)

FRIDAY, MAY 17

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! (Revelation 5:12)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 40, 54

Reading the Bible Together: John 12:1-19

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of Your people: Grant that when we hear His voice, we may know Him who calls us each by name, and follow where He leads; who, with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. (Ephesians 6:17-18a)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

O Lord, You showed us true humility by becoming one of us, by joining our pain and loving those who are weak, despised, and cast out. By Your example, my sin is exposed: my pride and self-sufficiency, my tendency to rush past the pain of others, and my preference toward those who are strong, respected, and popular. Forgive me, O Lord, and strengthen me, that I may shine with Your glory. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

Then He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." (Ezekiel 37:4-6)

Evening Psalm: 51

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with Him, may abide in His presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:5a)

SATURDAY, MAY 18

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. (Psalm 118:22-23)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 55

Reading the Bible Together: John 12:20-50

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of Your people: Grant that when we hear His voice, we may know Him who calls us each by name, and follow where He leads; who, with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:18b)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt. (Psalm 93:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

To You, Holy God, I confess my sin with as much sorrow as I can muster. I know it will not be enough because I am on easy terms with my sin. I have tried to manage it instead of trusting you to mortify it. Forgive me for trying to cover my own shame, and restore me into the image of Your beloved Son, my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name I pray.
Amen.

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. (Romans 6:5, 14)

Evening Psalms: 138, 139

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment." (Revelation 21:6)

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Morning Psalms: 24, 29

Evening Psalms: 8, 84

MONDAY, MAY 20

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

[Jesus said] I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
(John 10:10b)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 56, 57

Reading the Bible Together: John 13:1-20

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know Your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. (Ephesians 6:13)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. (Job 19:25)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. I confess that I am often still overcome by fear and doubt, and walk in ways that lead to death. Help me to trust in Your power to make me new, that I may know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus Christ, my risen Lord. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

"Death has been swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your sting?" But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:54b-55, 57)

Evening Psalms: 64, 65

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty Father, who gave Your only Son to die for our sins and to rise for our justification: Give us grace so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve You in pureness of living and truth; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. (Revelation 21:1)

TUESDAY, MAY 21

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"
(Luke 24:33-34)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 61, 62

Reading the Bible Together: John 13:21-38

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness. (Ephesians 6:14)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for He will receive me.
(Psalm 49:15)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, forgive me for washing my hands of responsibility when the risks of discipleship have seemed too high. In the bright light of Easter morning, my sin is exposed and Your grace is revealed. Raise me in Your love so that, with joy, I may witness to Your awesome deeds, in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen One. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. (Romans 8:11)

Evening Psalm: 68

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (Revelation 21:2)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
(Psalm 118:24)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 72

Reading the Bible Together: John 14:1-14

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Evening Psalm: 119:73-96

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God." (Revelation 21:3)

THURSDAY, MAY 23

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival... (1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 71

Reading the Bible Together: John 14:15-31

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Evening Psalm: 74

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:4)

FRIDAY, MAY 24

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! (Revelation 5:12)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 106:1-18

Reading the Bible Together: John 15:1-17

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Evening Psalm: 106:19-48

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:5a)

SATURDAY, MAY 25

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. (Psalm 118:22-23)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 75, 76

Reading the Bible Together: John 15:18-16:15

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know Your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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Evening Psalms: 23, 27

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Grace

And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment." (Revelation 21:6)

SUNDAY, MAY 26

Morning Psalms: 93, 96

Evening Psalm: 34

MONDAY, MAY 27

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

[Jesus said] I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
(John 10:10b)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 50

Reading the Bible Together: John 16:16-33

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding; Pour into our hearts such love towards You, that we, loving You in all things and above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. (Ephesians 6:13)

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Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

"Death has been swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your sting?" But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:54b-55, 57)

Evening Psalm: 77

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

We thank You, Heavenly Father, that You have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the Kingdom of Your Son; and we pray that as by His death He has recalled us to life, so by His love He may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. (Revelation 21:1)

TUESDAY, MAY 28

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"
(Luke 24:33-34)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 78:1-39

Reading the Bible Together: John 17

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards You, that we, loving You in all things and above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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Words of Assurance

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. (Romans 8:11)

Evening Psalms: 78:40-72

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (Revelation 21:2)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
(Psalm 118:24)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 81, 82

Reading the Bible Together: John 18:1-14

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

And, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. (Ephesians 6:15)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the God of heaven, for His steadfast love endures forever.
(Psalm 136:26)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Merciful Father, bring new life where I am worn and tired; new love where I have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where I feel hurt and where I have wounded others; and the joy and freedom of Your Holy Spirit where I am a prisoner of my self-centeredness. In the power of Jesus' name I pray.
Amen.

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:4-6)

Evening Psalm: 119:97-120

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God." (Revelation 21:3)

THURSDAY, MAY 30

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival... (1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 8, 47

Reading the Bible Together: John 18:15-27

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one. (Ephesians 6:16)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. (Isaiah 25:8)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned Him Lord of all. I confess that I have not bowed before Him always, instead choosing the ways of the world and my own self-interest. Forgive me and raise me from my sin, that I may live faithfully as Your beloved child, in Jesus' name I pray. *Amen.*

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Words of Assurance

And you, who were dead in your trespasses God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. (Colossians 2:13-14)

Evening Psalms: 24, 96

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:4)

FRIDAY, MAY 31

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! (Revelation 5:12)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 85, 86

Reading the Bible Together: John 18:28-40

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding; Pour into our hearts such love towards You, that we, loving You in all things and above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. (Ephesians 6:17-18a)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

O Lord, You showed us true humility by becoming one of us, by joining our pain and loving those who are weak, despised, and cast out. By Your example, my sin is exposed: my pride and self-sufficiency, my tendency to rush past the pain of others, and my preference toward those who are strong, respected, and popular. Forgive me, O Lord, and strengthen me, that I may shine with Your glory. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

Then He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." (Ezekiel 37:4-6)

Evening Psalms: 91, 92

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

We thank You, Heavenly Father, that You have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the Kingdom of Your Son; and we pray that as by His death He has recalled us to life, so by His love He may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:5a)

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. (Psalm 118:22-23)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 87, 90

Reading the Bible Together: John 19:1-16

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding; Pour into our hearts such love towards You, that we, loving You in all things and above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:18b)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt. (Psalm 93:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

To You, Holy God, I confess my sin with as much sorrow as I can muster. I know it will not be enough because I am on easy terms with my sin. I have tried to manage it instead of trusting you to mortify it. Forgive me for trying to cover my own shame, and restore me into the image of Your beloved Son, my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name I pray.
Amen.

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. (Romans 6:5, 14)

Evening Psalm: 136

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment." (Revelation 21:6)

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Morning Psalms: 66, 67

Evening Psalms: 19, 46

MONDAY, JUNE 3

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

[Jesus said] I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
(John 10:10b)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 89:1-18

Reading the Bible Together: John 19:16-30

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that He might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to His promise, He abides with His church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.
Amen.

Grace

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. (Ephesians 6:13)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. (Job 19:25)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. I confess that I am often still overcome by fear and doubt, and walk in ways that lead to death. Help me to trust in Your power to make me new, that I may know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus Christ, my risen Lord. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

"Death has been swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your sting?" But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:54b-55, 57)

Evening Psalm: 89:19-52

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, the King of glory, You have exalted Your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to Your Kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Grace

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. (Revelation 21:1)

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"
(Luke 24:33-34)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 97, 99

Reading the Bible Together: John 19:31-42

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Amen.

Grace

Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness. (Ephesians 6:14)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for He will receive me.
(Psalm 49:15)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, forgive me for washing my hands of responsibility when the risks of discipleship have seemed too high. In the bright light of Easter morning, my sin is exposed and Your grace is revealed. Raise me in Your love so that, with joy, I may witness to Your awesome deeds, in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen One. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. (Romans 8:11)

Evening Psalm: 94

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (Revelation 21:2)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
(Psalm 118:24)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 101, 109

Reading the Bible Together: John 20:1-18

Prayers for the Day

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Evening Psalm: 119:121-144

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Closing Prayer

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MORNING PRAYER

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Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 105:1-22

Reading the Bible Together: John 20:19-30

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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FRIDAY, JUNE 7

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

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Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 102

Reading the Bible Together: John 21:1-14

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

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Evening Psalm: 107:1-32

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:5a)

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. (Psalm 118:22-23)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 107:33-43

Reading the Bible Together: John 21:15-25

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Evening Psalm: 108

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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APPENDIX

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy catholic church;
The communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

A WAY OF PERSONAL EXAMINATION

Consider God's holiness and grace, manifest in the life of the Son, Jesus Christ.

Pray for God's presence and illumination. Ask God's Spirit to be with you and for your eyes to be open as you consider your day.

Examine yourself prayerfully:

Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting! (Psalm 139:23-24)

Note the times throughout the day you have seen God at work in your circumstances and in your heart. Name those ways in which you have resisted God and His will.

Pray in deep gratitude for every sign of God's loving presence, and pray in sorrow, repenting of any place you have resisted His loving will.

Receive the Words of Assurance for the day, leaning on the promises and mercy of God.

Conclude in prayer, offering yourself body and soul, in your thoughts, words, and actions, as a living sacrifice to God, which is your spiritual worship.

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