



GOOD THINGS
**GROW
HERE**
RESTORATION 2025

DAILY PRAYER GUIDE
2019-2020

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Restoration is ten years old! We are so grateful for what God has done since 2009 in growing a faithful group of 70, in a tiny building on Quincy Street, into a flourishing congregation of more than 600 who crowd in for worship in our beautiful facility that provides just what we need in this season of life together. We give thanks for a staff team of 10, hundreds of volunteers, vibrant Kids' Small Groups, a growing youth ministry, an effective and far-reaching immigration legal aid clinic, and regular opportunities to learn, serve, and grow deeper with Jesus. We are humbly astounded by the work God has done through our church. **Good things grow here.**

God used Restoration to build a church in Arlington. Along the way, we have discovered a few things that make us unique and we are thankful to be able to steward them.

We provide small groups that are normal to congregational life, easy to join, focused on Scripture, and expect member participation.

We create excellent environments for congregational worship through our preaching, music, liturgical leadership, Kids' Small Groups, APEX, beautiful facility, and convenient gathering times.

We nurture a strong leadership culture that has a low barrier of entry and a high expectation for Kingdom living.

We will keep doing these things, this 'Restoration way of doing stuff', as we pursue what God has for us in the years to come.

Over the next 5 years, Restoration wants to 'be in the process' of 100 people making new commitments to Jesus, choosing to be baptized or confirmed, and becoming active members of our congregation. We want to see 100 people move from death to life (Ephesians 2:5) and find fulfillment in our community.

In order to accomplish that goal, we have created 4 objectives that will focus our organization on that big, five year target:

-  **1. Strengths Stronger:** We want to sustain and improve what we do well today by making our 2019 strengths stronger. The critical strengths on which we need to focus are: Financial Stability. Excellent Digital Communications. Global Partnerships. Strong Servant Leadership Culture.
-  **2. Grow Disciples:** We want to grow disciples who are learning to trust Jesus in every aspect of their lives. The structures we provide to catalyze this growth include Biblical preaching, small groups for every demographic, occasional conferences, and opportunities for mentoring.
-  **3. Serve our Neighbors:** We want to be known in Arlington as a church that is seeking ways to serve. We are grateful for our immigrant neighbors who come for legal aid and give us opportunity to meet even more of their needs.
-  **4. Reach New People:** We want to seek, befriend, and invite young adults and our neighbors along the Orange Line Corridor to our church. We are open to these efforts becoming a new church plant, a new Fellows program, or a new opportunity for people to ask questions about Jesus.

As God leads us, we hope that these objectives will shape the work we do in such a way that we will get to be a part of 100 people making new commitments to follow Jesus, choosing to be baptized or confirmed, and becoming an active member of our congregation. Followers of Jesus, telling their story and inviting their friends to follow Him too, that creates an environment where good things can grow.

WHY WE MADE THIS BOOK

This book is a simplified form of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), which has guided Anglicans in rhythms of daily devotion for centuries. We draw from this rich BCP tradition every Sunday at Restoration. But what happens in a few hours on Sundays is only one small part of how we grow as disciples of Jesus. What happens around our breakfast and dinner tables, at our cubicles, and before we fall asleep each night has far more potential to strengthen our faith in profound ways. The BCP was created for just this purpose: to weave Scripture, praise, repentance, forgiveness, truth, and beauty into the fabric of our days through simple rhythms of prayer.

These prayers are called “common” because they are held in common with people from many cultures around the world and through the centuries. They are also common in another sense: with practice, they become a commonplace part of our everyday lives, building habits of worship into the mundane moments of each day.

But for many, the BCP feels anything but common. Most of us are accustomed to extemporaneous prayer that flows from our thoughts and feelings. Following a scripted format can at first feel confusing and unapproachable. But these daily scripted rituals have shaped Christians for centuries and continue to hold value for us today, training us in habits of prayer and scripture memory. We have created this simplified booklet so that everyone can easily incorporate these formative habits into their days.

WHAT IS THE CHRISTIAN YEAR?

At Restoration, we long to see broken people being restored by grace and finding their place in God’s story. One way we do this is to inhabit that story through the way we order time. For centuries, the church has followed a calendar called the Christian Year (also called the Church Year or Liturgical Year) as a way of reorienting our sense of time around God’s redemptive story.

The idea to follow a redemptive calendar was nothing new. The Israelites followed an annual cycle of feasts and remembrances that recounted the story of God’s faithfulness to them again and again, year after year. It sanctified their experience of time and set them apart as a holy people. The Christian Year invites us to a similar rhythm of remembrance. It reminds us that our faith is not some vague, spiritual notion that happens outside of time; instead, it is a daily, living, embodied set-apartness whereby we mark our days and weeks and months by the story of God’s rescue. The God who put the stars in their courses, setting all of time in motion, is the same God who has invaded and redeemed time for his people, allowing us to live by a radically different calendar than the world around us.

The Christian Year begins with a celebration of God’s miraculous incarnation in the person of Jesus, which we remember in the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. From there, we proceed through Lent, Easter, and Pentecost, retelling the stories of Jesus’ life, death, resurrection, and ascension, culminating in his sending the Holy Spirit and founding his church. Finally, from the final Sunday in Pentecost until the last Sunday before the following Advent, we enter the longest season of the Christian Year, called Ordinary Time. Having just relived the drama of God’s saving work, we are equipped to live it out in all the ordinary moments of our daily lives as members of his church.

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

This book is organized chronologically through the Christian year. For each season, we have provided a daily reading plan drawn from the Anglican prayerbook, which reads through the Psalms once a month and through the entire Bible in a year.

We have also included short devotions for Morning and Evening prayer. Each of these devotions includes scripture, times of reflection, and prayers. There is a place in each daily prayer for reading scripture; you may want to include the daily readings in each day's prayer, or to use some other reading plan, or a favorite passage. Each prayer time ends with a scripted prayer called a "collect," a traditional Anglican prayer format that first calls on God, next asks him to do something, then concludes with praise. Over the years, Anglicans have composed collects for all sorts of occasions. We can think of them as prayers that "collect" the hopes and desires of the church throughout the ages. Finally, the back of the book contains additional useful collects.

These daily prayers can be said anywhere that works best for you: a dining room table, a child's bedside, a comfy chair. They can be said alone or with others, aloud or silently. You may wish to pray twice a day, or just once. You may want to use the entire prayer service as printed, or just a small portion of it. You can substitute or add any collect that you like. In short, this practice of prayer is flexible, and you can't do it wrong. It is not meant to be a burdensome checklist, but a life-giving discipline. As in any discipline, it takes some time to become habit and to bear fruit.

As you embark on this daily prayer journey, we encourage you to keep a mindset of relaxed grace. Grace as you begin rituals that will feel unfamiliar at first. Grace for the ways your life and household may pray differently from others'. Grace as you experiment and finding a style that works best for you. And grace for the inevitable times that you fall behind on daily reading, or only manage one prayer time in a given day or week. The prayer book was always intended to be used by ordinary people like us, steeping us in his grace and forming us into the people God has created us to be.



ADVENT

December 1 – 24, 2019

Advent is a four-week season, ending on Christmas Eve, in which we prepare for the coming of the Messiah. The word "advent" simply means "coming." It is a period of grateful remembrance and expectant waiting for the coming Christ. We remember his advent past: when God came to earth two thousand years ago in human flesh as a vulnerable infant. We celebrate the advent present: Christ's continual coming into our hearts. And we anticipate the advent future: the day when Christ will return to judge the world and establish his reign forever.

ADVENT MORNING PRAYER

SILENCE

Take a few moments to quiet your heart

OPENING WORDS OF PRAYER

In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. – *Isaiah 40:3*

Our King and Savior now draws near: O Come, let us adore him.

Psalm 25:1-4

Unto you, O Lord, will I lift up my soul;
my God, I have put my trust in you;
O let me not be ashamed, neither let my enemies triumph
over me.
For all those who hope in you shall not be ashamed,
but those who deal untruly shall be put to confusion.
Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
Lead me forth in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you has been my hope all the day long.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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READ

- Listen for any verses or phrases that stand out to you.

REFLECT (in a journal)

- What do I notice about God in this text? What do I learn about his character, his promises, his will, etc.?
- What is God revealing about my own heart & life? How does this challenge me? Where does it also encourage me?

RESPOND (in prayer)

- Use this time of reflection as a springboard for your prayers.
- Consider that when a phrase of Scripture resonates with you, this might be a way that God wants to start a conversation with you.

PRAYERS

- Thank God for his character, blessings, & provisions
- Offer prayers & intercessions for yourself and others
-  Pray for one of our local outreach partners whom you have seen in our church this year. Pray for that partner to deepen their impact on their sphere of influence. Consider how you might serve alongside them.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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CLOSING COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

SILENCE

Take a few moments to quiet your heart

OPENING WORDS OF PRAYER

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; for you, LORD, only, make me dwell in safety. – *Psalm 4:8*

Our King and Savior now draws near: O Come, let us adore him.

Psalm 50:1-3

The Lord, even the most mighty God, has spoken
and called the world, from the rising of the sun to
the going down thereof.

Out of Zion, perfect in her beauty,
has God shone forth in glory.

Our God shall come and shall not keep silence;
there shall go before him a consuming fire,
and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

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2. Review the day with thanksgiving

Remember the events of the day – large and small, easy and hard – thanking God for each of them. These do not to be elaborate prayers, just simple words of thanks to God, who orders your day.

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5. Look toward tomorrow

Thank God that his mercies are new every morning. Acknowledge that you need God and ask him to make his presence known in the day to come.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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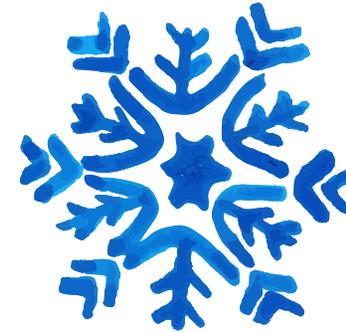
CLOSING COLLECT

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

ADVENT DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

December 1 – 24, 2019

DATE	SCRIPTURE LESSONS	AM PSALMS	PM PSALMS
Sun, Dec. 1	Acts 24:1-23	78:41-73	80
Mon, Dec. 2	Acts 24:24-25:12	81	83
Tues, Dec. 3	Acts 25:13-	84	85
Wed, Dec. 4	Acts 26	86, 87	88
Thu, Dec. 5	Acts 27	89:1-18	89:19-51
Fri, Dec. 6	Acts 28:1-15	90	91
Sat, Dec. 7	Acts 28:16-31	92, 93	94
Sun, Dec. 8	Revelation 1	95, 96	97, 98
Mon, Dec. 9	Revelation 2:1-17	99, 100, 101	102
Tues, Dec. 10	Revelation 2:18-3:6	103	104
Wed, Dec. 11	Revelation 3:7-	105:1-22	105:23-44
Thur, Dec. 12	Revelation 4	106:1-18	106:19-46
Fri, Dec. 13	Revelation 5	107:1-22	107:23-43
Sat, Dec. 14	Revelation 6	108, 110	109
Sun, Dec. 15	Revelation 7	111, 112	113, 114
Mon, Dec. 16	Revelation 8	115	116, 117
Tues, Dec. 17	Revelation 9	119:1-24	119:25-48
Wed, Dec. 18	Revelation 10	119:49-72	119:73-88
Thu, Dec. 19	Revelation 11	119:89-104	119:105-128
Fri, Dec. 20	Revelation 12	119:129-152	119:153-176
Sat, Dec. 21	Rev. 13, John 14:1-7	118	120, 121
Sun, Dec. 22	Revelation. 14	122, 123	124-126
Mon, Dec. 23	Revelation. 15	127, 128	129-131
Tues, Dec. 24 – <i>Christmas Eve</i>	Revelation. 16	132, 133	134, 135



CHRISTMAS

December 25, 2019 – January 5, 2020

All the hopeful longing of Advent culminates on Christmas Day, when we celebrate the birth of our long-awaited savior, Jesus Christ. Finally, we begin to sing Christmas carols on Sunday mornings! The joyful, light-filled Christmas season lasts just 12 days, ending on January 5, the eve before Epiphany.

CHRISTMAS MORNING PRAYER

SILENCE

Take a few moments to quiet your heart

OPENING WORDS OF PRAYER

Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. – *Luke 2:10-11*

Alleluia, to us a child is born: O Come, let us adore him. Alleluia!

Psalm 68:3-6

O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name;
magnify him who rides upon the heavens.

The Lord is his Name; rejoice before him.

He is a father of the fatherless and defends the cause of the widows,

God in his holy habitation.

He is the God who gives the solitary a home,
and brings the prisoners out of captivity

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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- Listen for any verses or phrases that stand out to you.

REFLECT (in a journal)

- What do I notice about God in this text? What do I learn about his character, his promises, his will, etc.?
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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CLOSING COLLECT

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

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OPENING WORDS OF PRAYER

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*

Alleluia, to us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Psalms 147:1-3

Praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God; indeed, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful. The Lord builds up Jerusalem, and gathers together the outcasts of Israel. He heals those who are broken in heart, and binds up their wounds.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

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5. Look toward tomorrow

Thank God that his mercies are new every morning. Acknowledge that you need God and ask him to make his presence known in the day to come.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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CLOSING COLLECT

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

CHRISTMAS ❄️ DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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Wed, Dec. 25	Is. 9:1-7, Rev. 17	19, 45	85, 110
Thur, Dec. 26	Acts 6:8-7:6, Rev. 18	136	137, 138
Fri, Dec. 27	John 21:9-25, Rev. 19	139	141, 142
Sat, Dec. 28	Jeremiah 31:1-17, Rev. 20	140	143
Sun, Dec. 29	Revelation. 21:1-14	144	145
Mon, Dec. 30	Revelation 21:15-22:5	146	147
Tues, Dec. 31	Revelation 22:6-21	148	149, 150
Wed, Jan. 1	Luke 2:8-21, Galatians 1	1, 2	3, 4
Thur, Jan. 2	Jeremiah 1, Galatians 2	5, 6	7
Fri, Jan. 3	Jeremiah 2, Galatians 3	9	10
Sat, Jan. 4	Jeremiah 3, Galatians 4	8, 11	15, 16
Sun, Jan. 5	Jeremiah 4, Galatians 5	12, 13, 14	17



EPIPHANY

January 6 – February 25, 2020

On January 6 of each year, we celebrate Epiphany to mark the arrival of the three Magi to meet the infant Messiah. The arrival of these Gentile wise men represents the revelation of Jesus not only to the Jews, but to the entire world. God's rescue plan is bigger than anyone expected, and he is drawing worshippers from all the nations of the world. Because the Magi visited Jesus' dwelling, Epiphany is also the traditional time for a home blessing, asking God to make our homes place of welcome and worship for all who visit.

EPIPHANY MORNING PRAYER

SILENCE

Take a few moments to quiet your heart

OPENING WORDS OF PRAYER

From the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. – *Malachi 1:11*

The Lord has shown forth his glory: O Come, let us adore him.

Psalm 100

O be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Be assured that the Lord, he is God;
it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise;
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,
and his truth endures from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
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PRAYERS

- Thank God for his character, blessings, & provisions
- Offer prayers & intercessions for yourself and others
-  Thank God for Restoration Immigration Legal Aid and the people we get to serve who are trying to legally become residents of our country. Pray for opportunities to meet needs that go beyond legal help (i.e. housing, healthcare, rides, etc.)
-  Pray for the opportunity to create a worship experience in Spanish for our RILA clients, family and friends during clinics on Wed nights. Specifically ask for Spanish speaking music leaders & preachers.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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CLOSING COLLECT

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

EPIPHANY ★ EVENING PRAYER

SILENCE

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OPENING WORDS OF PRAYER

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. – *Isaiah 60:3*

The Lord has shown forth his glory: O Come, let us adore him.

Psalm 36:7-9

How excellent is your mercy, O God!
The children of men shall take refuge
under the shadow of your wings.
They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of your house,
and you shall give them drink from your pleasures
as out of a river.
For with you is the well of life,
and in your light shall we see light.

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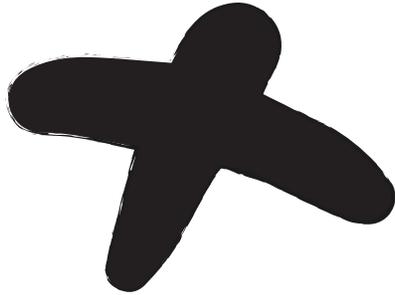
O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men, women, and children everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EPIPHANY ★ DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

January 6 – February 25, 2020

DATE	SCRIPTURE LESSONS	AM PSALMS	PM PSALMS
Mon, Jan. 6	Jer. 5, John 2:1-12	96, 97	67, 72
<i>Epiphany</i>			
Tues, Jan. 7	Jer. 6, Galatians 6	18:1-20	18:21-52
Wed, Jan. 8	Jer. 7, 1 Thess. 1	19	20, 21
Thu, Jan. 9	Jer. 8, 1 Thess. 2:1-16	22	23, 24
Fri, Jan. 10	Jer. 9, 1 Thess. 2:17-3:13	25	27
Sat, Jan. 11	Jer. 10, 1 Thess. 4:1-12	26, 28	31
Sun, Jan. 12	Jer. 11, 1 Thess. 4:13-5:11	29, 30	33
Mon, Jan. 13	Jer. 12, 1 Thess. 5:12-28	34	35
Tues, Jan. 14	Jer. 13, 2 Thess. 1	32, 36	38
Wed, Jan. 15	Jer. 14, 2 Thess. 2	37:1-17	37:18-41
Thu, Jan. 16	Jer. 15, 2 Thess. 3	40	39, 41
Fri, Jan. 17	Jer. 16, 1 Cor. 1:1-25	42, 43	44
Sat, Jan. 18	Jer. 17, 1 Cor. 1:26-2:16	45	46
Sun, Jan. 19	Jer. 18, 1 Cor. 3	47, 48	49
Mon, Jan. 20	Jer. 19, 1 Cor. 4:1-17	50	51
Tues, Jan. 21	Jer. 20, 1 Cor. 4:18-5:13	52, 53, 54	55
Wed, Jan. 22	Jer. 21, 1 Cor. 6	56, 57	58, 60
Thu, Jan. 23	Jer. 22, 1 Cor. 7	59	63, 64
Fri, Jan. 24	Jer. 23, 1 Cor. 8	61, 62	65, 67
Sat, Jan. 25	Jer. 24, 1 Cor. 9	68:1-18	68:19-36
Sun, Jan. 26	Jer. 25, 1 Cor. 10	69:1-18	69:19-37
Mon, Jan. 27	Jer. 26, 1 Cor. 11	66	70, 72
Tues, Jan. 28	Jer. 27, 1 Cor. 12	71	73
Wed, Jan. 29	Jer. 28, 1 Cor. 13	74	77
Thu, Jan. 30	Jer. 29, 1 Cor. 14:1-19	75, 76	79, 82
Fri, Jan. 31	Jer. 30, 1 Cor. 14:20-40	78:1-18	78:19-40

DATE	SCRIPTURE LESSONS	AM PSALMS	PM PSALMS
Sat, Feb. 1	Jer. 31, 1 Cor. 15:1-34	78:41-73	80
Sun, Feb. 2	Jer. 32, 1 Cor. 15:35-58	24, 81	84
Mon, Feb. 3	Jer. 33, 1 Cor. 16	83	85
Tues, Feb. 4	Jer. 34, 2 Cor. 1:1-2:11	86, 87	88
Wed, Feb. 5	Jer. 35, 2 Cor. 2:12-3:18	89:1-18	89:19-51
Thu, Feb. 6	Jer. 36, 2 Cor. 4	90	91
Fri, Feb. 7	Jer. 37, 2 Cor. 5	92, 93	94
Sat, Feb. 8	Jer. 38, 2 Cor. 6	95, 96	97, 98
Sun, Feb. 9	Jer. 39, 2 Cor. 7	99, 100, 101	102
Mon, Feb. 10	Jer. 40, 2 Cor. 8	103	104
Tue, Feb. 11	Jer. 41, 2 Cor. 9	105:1-22	105:23-44
Wed, Feb. 12	Jer. 42, 2 Cor. 10	106:1-18	106:19-46
Thu, Feb. 13	Jer. 43, 2 Cor. 11	107:1-22	107:23-43
Fri, Feb. 14	Jer. 44, 2 Cor. 12:1-13	108, 110	109
Sat, Feb. 15	Jer. 45, 2 Cor. 12:14-13:14	111, 112	113, 114
Sun, Feb. 16	Jer. 46, Romans 1	115	116, 117
Mon, Feb. 17	Jer. 47, Romans 2	119:1-24	119:25-48
Tues, Feb. 18	Jer. 48, Romans 3	119:49-72	119:73-88
Wed, Feb. 19	Jer. 49, Romans 4	119:89-104	119:105-128
Thu, Feb. 20	Jer. 50, Romans 5	119:129-152	119:153-176
Fri, Feb. 21	Jer. 51, Romans 6	118	120, 121
Sat, Feb. 22	Jer. 52, Romans 7	122, 123	124-126
Sun, Feb. 23	Romans 8:1-17	127, 128	129-131
Mon, Feb. 24	Romans 8:18-39	132, 133	134, 135
Tues, Feb. 25	Lamentations 1, Romans 9	136	137, 138



LENT

February 26 – April 11, 2020

Lent is a 40-day season – a tithe of our year – devoted to fasting, repentance, and honest self-examination. It begins on Ash Wednesday, the day we humble ourselves before the God who formed us from dust. We receive ashes in the form of a cross on our forehead as a visible reminder of our sin and mortality. These ashes come from the fire of the previous year's Easter Vigil, in which our palm branches from Palm Sunday, and our written sins nailed to the cross on Good Friday, have been burned together to light the Easter candle. These ashes remind us of our cries of "Hosanna," of our longing for a savior, as we enter this season.

Lent continues for 40 days (not including Sundays). Many people engage with this season by fasting, choosing to say no to one of God's good gifts so that we can say yes to him in a more intentional way. Some fast from sweets, others from coffee, alcohol, television, or social media. Some choose not to fast from an existing

habit, and instead add a new one; perhaps adding silence, scripture reading, or art-making to their days. As a congregation, we fast from the word "Alleluia" so that our worship is marked by a somber longing.

Lent culminates in Holy Week, which begins on Palm Sunday. We re-enact Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey in fulfillment of prophecy by waving palms and crying "Hosanna" (which means, "Save us!"). We proceed through Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, and Holy Wednesday in quiet reverence. On Maundy Thursday, we remember Jesus' last supper and washing his disciples' feet. At the end of a special foot-washing service at church, we strip the communion table of its beauty, cover the cross, and extinguish all light in the sanctuary. On Good Friday, we remember Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. We mark the hours of the day through the Stations of the Cross, nailing our sins to the giant cross in our sanctuary, and an evening reflection on the seven final sayings of Jesus on the cross. Finally, on Holy Saturday, we remember Jesus' three days in the tomb. Late that night, we build a fire outside the church from our palm branches and our written sins. We process the light from this fire into the darkened sanctuary, gradually lighting it as we retell the story of God's salvation through all of human history. As midnight approaches, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and sing with raucous joy the first "Alleluia"s of Easter, thus ending our Lenten season.

LENT ✨ MORNING PRAYER

SILENCE

Take a few moments to quiet your heart

OPENING WORDS OF PRAYER

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. – *Matthew 3:2*

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O Come, let us adore him.

Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
O give me the comfort of your help again,
and sustain me with your willing Spirit.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O Come, let us adore him.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Read 1 (or more) of the passages on page #32
You might consider using this pattern to guide your time:

READ

- Listen for any verses or phrases that stand out to you.

REFLECT (in a journal)

- What do I notice about God in this text? What do I learn about his character, his promises, his will, etc.?
- What is God revealing about my own heart & life? How does this challenge me? Where does it also encourage me?

RESPOND (in prayer)

- Use this time of reflection as a springboard for your prayers.
- Consider that when a phrase of Scripture resonates with you, this might be a way that God wants to start a conversation with you.

PRAYERS

- Thank God for his character, blessings, & provisions
- Offer prayers & intercessions for yourself and others

 Pray for the vestry as they make decisions about our mortgage. Specifically pray for favorable terms as we refinance, for a clear plan to pay off the mortgage, and for strategic opportunities to use additional cash flow to help us 'be in the process' of 100 people making commitments to Jesus.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

See page #74

CLOSING COLLECT

Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of your servants, and purify our disordered affections, that we may behold your eternal glory in the face of Christ Jesus; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

LENT ✈️ EVENING PRAYER

SILENCE

Take a few moments to quiet your heart

OPENING WORDS OF PRAYER

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. – *1 John 1:8-9*

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O Come, let us adore him.

Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

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TIME OF DAILY REFLECTION

1. Become aware of God's presence

Quiet yourself before God. Ask him for his light to make you aware of his presence, both now and throughout your day. Ask for his perspective on your day, not only your own.

2. Review the day with thanksgiving

Remember the events of the day – large and small, easy and hard – thanking God for each of them. These do not to be elaborate prayers, just simple words of thanks to God, who orders your day.

3. Pay attention to your emotions

Notice how you feel as you review your day. Ask questions of yourself & be curious about your emotions: What was the most (or least) life-giving part of your day? When did you feel the most (or least) connected to God, others, or yourself?

4. Choose one feature of the day and pray from it

Allow your mind to settle on one particular memory from the day. Then pray about it. You may wish to pray about a time you particularly noticed your own shortcomings, or a time when God seemed particularly near or distant.

5. Look toward tomorrow

Thank God that his mercies are new every morning. Acknowledge that you need God and ask him to make his presence known in the day to come.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

See page #74

CLOSING COLLECT

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

LENT ✈️ DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

February 26 – April 11, 2020

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Wed, Feb. 26 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Jonah 3:6-10, 1 Cor 9:24-27	38	6, 32
Thu, Feb. 27	Lam 3, Romans 11	140	143
Fri, Feb. 28	Lam 4, Romans 12	144	145
Sat, Feb. 29	Joel 2, 2 Peter 3	90	104
Sun, March 1	Lam 5, Romans 13	146	147
Mon, March 2	Prov 1, Romans 14	148	149, 150
Tue, March 3	Prov 2, Romans 15	1, 2	3, 4
Wed, March 4	Prov 3, Romans 16	5, 6	7
Thu, March 5	Prov 4, Philippians 1:1-11	9	10
Fri, March 6	Prov 5, Philippians 1:12-30	8, 11	15, 16
Sat, March 7	Prov 6, Philippians 2:1-11	12-14	17
Sun, March 8	Prov 7, Philippians 2:12-30	18:1-20	18:21-52
Mon, March 9	Prov 8, Philippians 3	19	20, 21
Tue, March 10	Prov 9, Philippians 4	22	23, 24
Wed, March 11	Prov 10, Colossians 1:1-20	25	27
Thu, March 12	Prov 11, Colossians 1:21-2:7	26, 28	31
Fri, March 13	Prov 12, Colossians 2:8-19	29, 30	33
Sat, March 14	Prov 13, Colossians 2:20-3:11	34	35
Sun, March 15	Prov 14, Colossians 3:12-25	32, 36	38
Mon, March 16	Prov 15, Colossians 4	37:1-17	37:18-41
Tue, March 17	Prov 16, Philemon	40	39, 41
Wed, March 18	Prov 17, Ephesians 1:1-14	42, 43	44
Thur, March 19	Ephesians 1:1-15	45	46
Fri, March 20	Prov 18, Ephesians 2:1-10	47, 48	49
Sat, March 21	Prov 19, Ephesians 2:11-22	50	51
Sun, March 22	Prov 20, Ephesians 3	52-54	55
Mon, March 23	Prov 21, Ephesians 4:1-16	56, 57	58, 60
Tue, March 24	Prov 22, Ephesians 4:17-32	59	63, 64

DATE	SCRIPTURE LESSONS	AM PSALMS	PM PSALMS
Wed, March 25	Prov 23, Ephesians 5:1-17	113, 138	131, 132
Thu, March 26	Prov 24, Ephesians 5:18-33	61, 62	65, 67
Fri, March 27	Prov 25, Ephesians 6:1-9	68:1-18	68:19-36
Sat, March 28	Prov 26, Ephesians 6:10-24	69:1-18	69:19-37
Sun, March 29	Prov 27, 1 Timothy 1:1-17	66	70, 72
Mon, March 30	Prov 28, 1 Timothy 1:18-2:15	71	73
Tues, March 31	Prov 29, 1 Timothy 3	74	77
Wed, April 1	Prov 30, 1 Timothy 4	75, 76	79, 82
Thu, April 2	Prov 31, 1 Timothy 5	78:1-18	78:19-40
Fri, April 3	Job 1, 1 Timothy 6	78:41-73	80
Sat, April 4	Job 2, Titus 1	81	83
Sun, April 5	Job 3, Titus 2	84	85
Mon, April 6	Job 4, Titus 3	86, 87	88
Tues, April 7	Job 6, 2 Timothy 1	89:1-18	89:19-51
Wed, April 8	Job 7, 2 Timothy 2	90	91
Thur, April 9 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	John 13:1-38, 1 Cor 10:1-22	41	142, 143
Fri, April 10 <i>Good Friday</i>	Lam 3:1-36, John 18	40	102
Sat, April 11 <i>Holy Saturday</i>	Lam 3:37-58, Hebrews 4	88	91



EASTER

April 12 – May 31, 2020

Easter is a time of exuberant joy as we celebrate the triumph of Jesus over sin and death through his resurrection. Ascension Day, toward the end of this season, marks Jesus' ascension into heaven on the Mount of Olives, leaving his bewildered disciples awaiting the arrival of the Helper that Jesus had promised them. This season concludes with Pentecost, which celebrates the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit during the Feast of Pentecost in Jerusalem, shortly after Jesus had ascended to heaven. On Pentecost, people from many languages and ethnic groups were gathered together at Jerusalem, and thousands of them believed in Jesus after hearing Peter miraculously preach to them in their own languages. In this season, we celebrate the origin of the church and the powerful gift of the Holy Spirit that God has generously given to us for the advance of his kingdom.

EASTER MORNING PRAYER

SILENCE

Take a few moments to quiet your heart

OPENING WORDS OF PRAYER

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. – *Colossians 3:1*

Alleluia, The Lord is risen indeed: O Come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover (1 Cor. 5:7-8; Rom. 6:9-11; 1 Cor. 15:20-22)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.
Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin,
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.
Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death,
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

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RESPOND (in prayer)

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PRAYERS

- Thank God for his character, blessings, & provisions
- Offer prayers & intercessions for yourself and others
-  Thank God for the people in their 20s and 30s who attend Restoration. Pray for them to flourish in their work, their relationships, and their choices to follow Jesus as they live in this town. Pray for their friends, neighbors, and co-workers who might be curious about Jesus and the difference He makes in their lives.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

See page #74

CLOSING COLLECT

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 honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

EASTER EVENING PRAYER

SILENCE

Take a few moments to quiet your heart

OPENING WORDS OF PRAYER

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. – *1 Corinthians 15:57*

Alleluia, The Lord is risen indeed: O Come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Psalm 126

When the Lord overturned the captivity of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
Indeed, the Lord has done great things for us already,
whereof we rejoice.
Overturn our captivity, O Lord,
as when streams refresh the deserts of the south.
Those who sow in tears
shall reap with songs of joy.
He who goes on his way weeping and bears good seed
shall doubtless come again with joy,
and bring his sheaves with him.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

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Thank God that his mercies are new every morning. Acknowledge that you need God and ask him to make his presence known in the day to come.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

See page #74

CLOSING COLLECT

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ 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.*

EASTER † DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

April 12 – May 31, 2020

DATE	SCRIPTURE LESSONS	AM PSALMS	PM PSALMS
Sun, April 12 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Luke 24:13-43, Romans 6	118	111, 113, 114
Mon, April 13	Job 11, Hebrews 3	105:1-22	105:23-44
Tues, April 14	Job 12, Hebrews 4:1-13	106:1-18	106:19-46
Wed, April 15	Job 13, Hebrews 4:14-5:10	107:1-22	107:23-43
Thu, April 16	Job 14, Hebrews 5:11-6:20	108, 110	109
Fri, April 17	Job 15, Hebrews 7	111, 112	113, 114
Sat, April 18	Job 16, Hebrews 8	115	116, 117
Sun, April 19	Job 17, Hebrews 9:1-14	119:1-24	119:25-48
Mon, April 20	Job 18, Hebrews 9:15-28	119:49-72	119:73-88
Tue, April 21	Job 19, Hebrews 10:1-18	119:89-104	119:105-128
Wed, April 22	Job 20, Hebrews 10:19-39	119:129-152	119:153-176
Thu, April 23	Job 21, Hebrews 11	118	120, 121
Fri, April 24	Job 22, Hebrews 12:1-17	122, 123	124-126
Sat, April 25	Job 23, Hebrews 12:18-29	127, 128	129-131
Sun, April 26	Job 24, Hebrews 13	132, 133	134, 135
Mon, April 27	Job 25-26, James 1	136	137, 138
Tue, April 28	Job 27, James 2:1-13	139	141, 142
Wed, April 29	Job 28, James 2:14-26	140	143
Thu, April 30	Job 29, James 3	144	145
Fri, May 1	James 4	146	147
Sat, May 2	Job 30, James 5	148	149, 150
Sun, May 3	Job 31, 1 Peter 1:1-21	1, 2	3, 4
Mon, May 4	Job 32, 1 Peter 1:22-2:10	5, 6	7
Tue, May 5	Job 33, 1 Peter 2:11-3:7	9	10
Wed, May 6	Job 34, 1 Peter 3:8-4:6	8, 11	15, 16
Thu, May 7	Job 35, 1 Peter 4:7-19	12, 13, 14	17
Fri, May 8	Job 36, 1 Peter 5	18:1-20	18:21-52

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Sat, May 9	Job 37, 2 Peter 1	19	20, 21
Sun, May 10	Job 38, 2 Peter 2	22	23, 24
Mon, May 11	Job 39, 2 Peter 3	25	27
Tue, May 12	Job 40, Jude	26, 28	31
Wed, May 13	Job 41, 1 John 1:1-2:6	29, 30	33
Thu, May 14	Job 42, 1 John 2:7-29	34	35
Fri, May 15	Ecclesiastes 1, 1 John 3:1-10	32, 36	38
Sat, May 16	Ecclesiastes 2, 1 John 3:11-4:6	37:1-17	37:18-41
Sun, May 17	Ecclesiastes 3, 1 John 4:7-21	40	39, 41
Mon, May 18	Ecclesiastes 4, 1 John 5	42, 43	44
Tue, May 19	Ecclesiastes 5, 2 John	45	46
Wed, May 20	Ecclesiastes 6, 3 John	47, 48	49
Thu, May 21 <i>Ascension Day</i>	Luke 24:44-53, Eph. 4:1-17	8, 47	21, 24
Fri, May 22	Ecclesiastes 8, Acts 1:15-26	52, 53, 54	55
Sat, May 23	Ecclesiastes 9, Acts 2:1-21	56, 57	58, 60
Sun, May 24	Ecclesiastes 10, Acts 2:22-47	59	63, 64
Mon, May 25	Ecclesiastes 11, Acts 3:1-4:4	61, 62	65, 67
Tues, May 26	Ecclesiastes 12, Acts 4:5-31	68:1-18	68:19-36
Wed, May 27	Ezekiel 1, Acts 4:31-5:11	69:1-18	69:19-37
Thu, May 28	Ezekiel 2, Acts 5:12-42	66	70, 72
Fri, May 29	Ezekiel 3, Acts 6:1-7:16	71	73
Sat, May 30	Ezekiel 4, Acts 7:17-34	74	77
Sun, May 31 <i>Pentecost</i>	John 16:1-15, Acts 2	48	145



ORDINARY TIME

June 1 – November 30, 2020

Though we all experience moments of transcendence and deep spiritual meaning, most of life is lived in the in-between space of ordinary life. The Christian Year is no different; its longest season is Ordinary Time, which stretches from Pentecost to the Sunday before Advent (Christ the King Sunday). We enter Ordinary Time each year having re-lived the highs and lows of our faith. The birth of the long-awaited Messiah. The revelation of God's salvation for all peoples. The teaching, miracles, and humble service of Jesus. His agonizing death for our sins, and his triumphant empty tomb. And a pouring out of the Holy Spirit to empower the church for its mission in the world.

Having remembered these stories in Scripture, prayer, and worship, we are equipped to step out into the world as his redeemed people, joining him in his mission of renewing the world. But much of this mission is lived out in mundane ways, as God seeks to renew our own hearts through all the quiet, invisible moments that make up our days.

Ordinary time reminds us of the faithfulness of the church throughout history, and calls us to ordinary faithfulness in our own lives. This season is not a pause in God's redemptive story; it is a key element in his redemption of each of us and every part of our lives. Tish Warren, an Anglican priest, has written: "The new life into which we are baptized is lived out in days, hours, and minutes. God is forming us into a new people. And the place of that formation is in the small moments of today."

JUNE MORNING PRAYER

SILENCE

Take a few moments to quiet your heart

OPENING WORDS OF PRAYER

The Lord is in his holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence before him. – *Habakkuk 2:20*

Psalm 95:1-7

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the depths of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Read 1 (or more) of the passages on page #48
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READ

- Listen for any verses or phrases that stand out to you.

REFLECT (in a journal)

- What do I notice about God in this text? What do I learn about his character, his promises, his will, etc.?
- What is God revealing about my own heart & life? How does this challenge me? Where does it also encourage me?

RESPOND (in prayer)

- Use this time of reflection as a springboard for your prayers.
- Consider that when a phrase of Scripture resonates with you, this might be a way that God wants to start a conversation with you.

PRAYERS

- Thank God for his character, blessings, & provisions
 - Offer prayers & intercessions for yourself and others
-  Pray for our volunteers to be refreshed and multiplied. Specifically pray for God to protect and deepen our strong servant leadership culture, for people to take another step of participation, and for a self-renewing fountain of Kids' and APEX small group leaders.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

See page #74

CLOSING COLLECT

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

JUNE EVENING PRAYER

SILENCE

Take a few moments to quiet your heart

OPENING WORDS OF PRAYER

Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." – *John 8:12*

O Gladsome Light (An Ancient Song of the Church)

O gladsome light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

SCRIPTURE READING

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Allow your mind to settle on one particular memory from the day. Then pray about it. You may wish to pray about a time you particularly noticed your own shortcomings, or a time when God seemed particularly near or distant.

5. Look toward tomorrow

Thank God that his mercies are new every morning. Acknowledge that you need God and ask him to make his presence known in the day to come.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

See page #74

CLOSING COLLECT

O God, the source of all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

JUNE DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

June 1 – June 30, 2020

DATE	SCRIPTURE LESSONS	AM PSALMS	PM PSALMS
Mon, June 1	Ezekiel 6, Acts 8:4-25	78:1-18	78:19-40
Tue, June 2	Ezekiel 7, Acts 8:26-40	78:41-73	80
Wed, June 3	Ezekiel 8, Acts 9:1-131	81	83
Thu, June 4	Ezekiel 9, Acts 9:32-42	84	85
Fri, June 5	Ezekiel 10, Acts 10:1-23	86, 87	88
Sat, June 6	Ezekiel 11, Acts 10:24-48	89:1-18	89:19-51
Sun, Jun 7	Ezekiel 12, Acts 11:1-18	90	91
Mon, June 8	Ezekiel 13, Acts 11:19-30	92, 93	94
Tue, June 9	Ezekiel 14, Acts 12:1-24	95, 96	97, 98
Wed, June 10	Ezekiel 15, Acts 12:25-13:12	99, 100, 101	102
Thu, June 11	Ezekiel 16, Acts 13:13-43	103	104
Fri, June 12	Ezekiel 17, Acts 13:44-14:7	105:1-22	105:23-44
Sat, June 13	Ezekiel 18, Acts 14:8-28	106:1-18	106:19-46
Sun, June 14	Ezekiel 33, Acts 15:1-21	107:1-22	107:23-43
Mon, June 15	Ezekiel 34, Acts 15:22-35	108, 110	109
Tue, June 16	Ezekiel 35, Acts 15:36-16:5	111, 112	113, 114
Wed, June 17	Ezekiel 36, Acts 16:6-40	115	116, 117
Thu, June 18	Ezekiel 37, Acts 17:1-15	119:1-24	119:25-48
Fri, June 19	Ezekiel 40, Acts 17:16-34	119:49-72	119:73-88
Sat, June 20	Ezekiel 43, Acts 18:1-23	119:89-104	119:105-128
Sun, June 21	Ezekiel 47, Acts 18:24-19:7	119:129-152	119:153-176
Mon, June 22	Daniel 1, Acts 19:8-20	118	120, 121
Tue, June 23	Daniel 2, Acts 19:21-41	122, 123	124, 125, 126
Wed, June 24	Daniel 3, Acts 20:1-16	127, 128	129, 130, 131
Thu, June 25	Daniel 4, Acts 20:17-38	132, 133	134-135
Fri, June 26	Daniel 5, Acts 21:1-16	136	137, 138
Sat, June 27	Daniel 6, Acts 21:17-36	139	141, 142
Sun, June 28	Daniel 7, Acts 21:37-22:22	140	143
Mon, June 29	Daniel 8, Acts 22:23-23:11	144	145
Tues, June 30	Daniel 9, Acts 23:12-35	146	147

JULY MORNING PRAYER

SILENCE

Take a few moments to quiet your heart

OPENING WORDS OF PRAYER

O send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill, and to your dwelling. – *Psalm 43:3*

Psalm 100

O be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
 serve the Lord with gladness,
 and come before his presence with a song.
 Be assured that the Lord, he is God;
 it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves;
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
 and into his courts with praise;
 be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,
 and his truth endures from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Read 1 (or more) of the passages on page #53
 You might consider using this pattern to guide your time:

READ

- Listen for any verses or phrases that stand out to you.

REFLECT (in a journal)

- What do I notice about God in this text? What do I learn about his character, his promises, his will, etc.?
- What is God revealing about my own heart & life? How does this challenge me? Where does it also encourage me?

RESPOND (in prayer)

- Use this time of reflection as a springboard for your prayers.
- Consider that when a phrase of Scripture resonates with you, this might be a way that God wants to start a conversation with you.

PRAYERS

- Thank God for his character, blessings, & provisions
- Offer prayers & intercessions for yourself and others

 Pray for God to help us expand some of our more popular Adult small group options. Specifically pray for groups that offer child-care at times that are convenient for women and pray for groups for men that meet at all times of the day throughout the week.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

See page #74

CLOSING COLLECT

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SILENCE

Take a few moments to quiet your heart

OPENING WORDS OF PRAYER

Lord, I have loved the habitation of your house and the place where your honor dwells. – *Psalm 26:8*

The Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32)

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace,
according to your word.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of your people Israel.

SCRIPTURE READING

Read 1 (or more) of the passages on page #53

TIME OF DAILY REFLECTION

1. Become aware of God's presence

Quiet yourself before God. Ask him for his light to make you aware of his presence, both now and throughout your day. Ask for his perspective on your day, not only your own.

2. Review the day with thanksgiving

Remember the events of the day – large and small, easy and hard – thanking God for each of them. These do not to be elaborate prayers, just simple words of thanks to God, who orders your day.

3. Pay attention to your emotions

Notice how you feel as you review your day. Ask questions of yourself & be curious about your emotions: What was the most (or least) life-giving part of your day? When did you feel the most (or least) connected to God, others, or yourself?

4. Choose one feature of the day and pray from it

Allow your mind to settle on one particular memory from the day. Then pray about it. You may wish to pray about a time you particularly noticed your own shortcomings, or a time when God seemed particularly near or distant.

5. Look toward tomorrow

Thank God that his mercies are new every morning. Acknowledge that you need God and ask him to make his presence known in the day to come.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

See page #74

CLOSING COLLECT

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

JULY DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

July 1 – July 31, 2020

DATE	LESSON #1	LESSON #2	AM PSALMS	PM PSALMS
Wed, July 1	Daniel 10	Acts 24:1-23	148	149, 150
Thu, July 2	Daniel 11	Acts 24:24-25:12	1, 2	3, 4
Fri, July 3	Daniel 12	Acts 25:13-27	5, 6	7
Sat, July 4		Acts 26	9	10
Sun, July 5	Esth 1	Acts 27	8, 11	15, 16
Mon, July 6	Esth 2	Acts 28:1-15	12, 13, 14	17
Tue, July 7	Esth 3	Acts 28:16-31	18:1-20	18:21-52
Wed, July 8	Esth 4	Philemon	19	20, 21
Thu, July 9	Esth 5	1 Tim 1:1-17	22	23, 24
Fri, July 10	Esth 6	1 Tim 1:18-2:15	25	27
Sat, July 11	Esth 7	1 Tim 3	26, 28	31
Sun, July 12	Esth 8	1 Tim 4	29, 30	33
Mon, July 13	Esth 9 & 10	1 Tim 5	34	35
Tue, July 14	Ezra 1	1 Tim 6	32, 36	38
Wed, July 15	Ezra 3	Titus 1	37:1-17	37:18-41
Thu, July 16	Ezra 4	Titus 2	40	39, 41
Fri, July 17	Ezra 5	Titus 3	42, 43	44
Sat, July 18	Ezra 6	2 Tim 1	45	46
Sun, July 19	Ezra 7	2 Tim 2	47, 48	49
Mon, July 20	Ezra 8	2 Tim 3	50	51
Tue, July 21	Ezra 9	2 Tim 4	52, 53, 54	55
Wed, July 22	Ezra 10	John 1:1-28	56, 57	58, 60
Thu, July 23	Nehemiah 1	John 1:29-51	59	63, 64
Fri, July 24	Nehemiah 2	John 2	61, 62	65, 67
Sat, July 25	Nehemiah 3	John 3:1-21	68:1-18	68:19-36
Sun, July 26	Nehemiah 4	John 3:22-36	69:1-18	69:19-37
Mon, July 27	Nehemiah 5	John 4:1-26	66	70, 72
Tue, July 28	Nehemiah 6	John 4:27-54	71	73
Wed, July 29	Nehemiah 8	John 5:1-24	74	77
Thur, July 30	Nehemiah 9	John 5:25-47	75, 76	79, 82
Fri, July 31	Nehemiah 10	John 6:1-21	78:1-18	78:19-40

AUGUST MORNING PRAYER

SILENCE

Take a few moments to quiet your heart

OPENING WORDS OF PRAYER

Thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.” – *Isaiah 57:15*

Psalm 103:1-4

Praise the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.
Praise the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits:
Who forgives all your sin
and heals all your infirmities,
Who saves your life from the pit
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Read 1 (or more) of the passages on page #58
You might consider using this pattern to guide your time:

READ

- Listen for any verses or phrases that stand out to you.

REFLECT (in a journal)

- What do I notice about God in this text? What do I learn about his character, his promises, his will, etc.?
- What is God revealing about my own heart & life? How does this challenge me? Where does it also encourage me?

RESPOND (in prayer)

- Use this time of reflection as a springboard for your prayers.
- Consider that when a phrase of Scripture resonates with you, this might be a way that God wants to start a conversation with you.

PRAYERS

- Thank God for his character, blessings, & provisions
- Offer prayers & intercessions for yourself and others



Pray for our Global Outreach Partners as they teach us about God’s heart for justice, mercy, evangelism, and Kingdom life. Specifically pray for the 3 teams that will visit our partners in 2020 and the ways God will use those trips to help them know and trust Jesus at a deeper level.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

See page #74

CLOSING COLLECT

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day: Defend us by your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger; and that, guided by your Spirit, we may do what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

AUGUST EVENING PRAYER

SILENCE

Take a few moments to quiet your heart

OPENING WORDS OF PRAYER

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. – *Psalm 141:2*

Psalm 139:1, 6-12

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you understand my thoughts from afar.
Where shall I go then from your Spirit,
or where shall I flee from your presence?
If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in the Grave, you are there also.
If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
Even there shall your hand lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.
If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,”
then shall my night be turned to day.
Even the darkness is not dark to you,
and the night is as clear as the day;
the darkness and the light to you are both alike.
For you yourself made my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Read 1 (or more) of the passages on page #58

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1. Become aware of God’s presence

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5. Look toward tomorrow

Thank God that his mercies are new every morning. Acknowledge that you need God and ask him to make his presence known in the day to come.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

See page #74

CLOSING COLLECT

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. *Amen.*

AUGUST DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

August 1 – August 31, 2020

DATE	LESSON #1	LESSON #2	AM PSALMS	PM PSALMS
Sat, Aug 1	Neh 12	John 6:22-40	78:41-73	80
Sun, Aug 2	Neh 13	John 6:41-71	81	83
Mon, Aug 3	Hos 1	John 7:1-24	84	85
Tue, Aug 4	Hos 2	John 7:25-52	86, 87	89:19-51
Wed, Aug 5	Hos 3	John 7:53-8:30	89:1-18	80
Thu, Aug 6	Hos 4	John 8:31-59	27	80
<i>Transfiguration</i>				
Fri, Aug 7	Hos 5	John 9	90	91
Sat, Aug 8	Hos 6	John 10:1-21	92, 93	94
Sun, Aug 9	Hos 7	John 10:22-42	95, 96	97, 98
Mon, Aug 10	Hos 8	John 11:1-44	99, 100, 101	102
Tue, Aug 11	Hos 9	John 11:45-57	103	104
Wed, Aug 12	Hos 10	John 12:1-19	105:1-22	105:23-44
Thu, Aug 13	Hos 11	John 12:20-50	106:1-18	106:19-46
Fri, Aug 14	Hos 12	John 13	107:1-22	107:23-43
Sat, Aug 15	Hos 13	John 14:1-14	108, 110	109
Sun, Aug 16	Hos 14	John 14:15-31	111, 112	113, 114
Mon, Aug 17	Joel 1	John 15:1-17	115	116, 117
Tues, Aug 18	Joel 2	John 15:18-27	119:1-24	119:25-48
Wed, Aug 19	Joel 3	John 16:1-15	119:49-72	119:73-88
Thu, Aug 20	Amos 1	John 16:16-33	119:89-104	119:105-128
Fri, Aug 21	Amos 2	John 17	119:129-152	119:153-176
Sat, Aug 22	Amos 3	John 18:1-27	118	120, 121
Sun, Aug 23	Amos 4	John 18:28-40	122, 123	124, 125, 126
Mon, Aug 24	Amos 5	John 19:1-37	127, 128	129, 130, 131
Tue, Aug 25	Amos 6	John 19:38-42	132, 133	134, 135
Wed, Aug 26	Amos 7	John 20	136	137, 138
Thu, Aug 27	Amos 8	John 21	139	141, 142
Fri, Aug 28	Amos 9	Matthew 1:1-17	140	143
Sat, Aug 29	Obadiah	Matthew 1:18-25	144	145
Sun, Aug 30	Jonah 1	Matthew 2	146	147
Mon, Aug 31	Jonah 2	Matthew 3	148	149, 150

SEPTEMBER MORNING PRAYER

SILENCE

Take a few moments to quiet your heart

OPENING WORDS OF PRAYER

The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. – *John 4:23*

Psalm 91:1-4

Whoever dwells under the defense of the Most High
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say unto the Lord, “You are my refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I will trust.”
For he shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter
and from the deadly pestilence.
He shall defend you under his wings,
and you shall be safe under his feathers;
his faithfulness and truth shall be your shield and buckler.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Read 1 (or more) of the passages on page #63
You might consider using this pattern to guide your time:

READ

- Listen for any verses or phrases that stand out to you.

REFLECT (in a journal)

- What do I notice about God in this text? What do I learn about his character, his promises, his will, etc.?
- What is God revealing about my own heart & life? How does this challenge me? Where does it also encourage me?

RESPOND (in prayer)

- Use this time of reflection as a springboard for your prayers.
- Consider that when a phrase of Scripture resonates with you, this might be a way that God wants to start a conversation with you.

PRAYERS

- Thank God for his character, blessings, & provisions
- Offer prayers & intercessions for yourself and others

 Pray for one household on your street, on your floor, or in your complex each day. Pray for them by name (find out their names). Pray for something specific that they need (ask them what they need).

THE LORD'S PRAYER

See page #74

CLOSING COLLECT

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SILENCE

Take a few moments to quiet your heart

OPENING WORDS OF PRAYER

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him. – *Psalm 96:9*

Psalm 63:5-8

As long as I live I will magnify you,
and lift up my hands in your Name.
My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness,
when my mouth praises you with joyful lips.
When I remember you on my bed,
I meditate on you in the watches of the night.
Because you have been my helper,
therefore under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Read 1 (or more) of the passages on page #63

TIME OF DAILY REFLECTION

1. Become aware of God's presence

Quiet yourself before God. Ask him for his light to make you aware of his presence, both now and throughout your day. Ask for his perspective on your day, not only your own.

2. Review the day with thanksgiving

Remember the events of the day – large and small, easy and hard – thanking God for each of them. These do not to be elaborate prayers, just simple words of thanks to God, who orders your day.

SEPTEMBER DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 1 – September 30, 2020

3. Pay attention to your emotions

Notice how you feel as you review your day. Ask questions of yourself & be curious about your emotions: What was the most (or least) life-giving part of your day? When did you feel the most (or least) connected to God, others, or yourself?

4. Choose one feature of the day and pray from it

Allow your mind to settle on one particular memory from the day. Then pray about it. You may wish to pray about a time you particularly noticed your own shortcomings, or a time when God seemed particularly near or distant.

5. Look toward tomorrow

Thank God that his mercies are new every morning. Acknowledge that you need God and ask him to make his presence known in the day to come.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

See page #74

CLOSING COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. *Amen.*

DATE	LESSON #1	LESSON #2	AM PSALMS	PM PSALMS
Tue, Sept 1	Jonah 3	Matt. 4	1, 2	3, 4
Wed, Sept 2	Jonah 4	Matt. 5:1-20	5, 6	7
Thu, Sept 3	Micah 1	Matt. 5:21-48	9	10
Fri, Sept 4	Micah 2	Matt. 6:1-18	8, 11	15, 16
Sat, Sept 5	Micah 3	Matt. 6:19-34	12, 13, 14	17
Sun, Sept 6	Micah 4	Matt. 7	18:1-20	18:21-52
Mon, Sept 7	Micah 5	Matt. 8:1-17	19	20, 21
Tue, Sept 8	Micah 6	Matt. 8:18-34	22	23, 24
Wed, Sept 9	Micah 7	Matt. 9:1-17	25	27
Thu, Sept 10	Nahum 1	Matt. 9:18-34	26, 28	31
Fri, Sept 11	Nahum 2	Matt. 9:35-10:23	29, 30	33
Sat, Sept 12	Nahum 3	Matt. 10:24-42	34	35
Sun, Sept 13	Hab. 1	Matt. 11	32, 36	38
Mon, Sept 14	Hab. 2	Matt. 12:1-21	37:1-17	37:18-41
Tue, Sept 15	Hab. 3	Matt. 12:22-50	40	39, 41
Wed, Sept 16	Zeph. 1	Matt. 13:1-23	42, 43	44
Thu, Sept 17	Zeph. 2	Matt. 13:13:24-43	45	46
Fri, Sept 18	Zeph. 3	Matt. 13:44-58	47, 48	49
Sat, Sept 19	Haggai 1	Matt. 14	50	51
Sun, Sept 20	Haggai 2	Matt. 15:1-28	52, 53, 54	55
Mon, Sept 21	Zech. 1	Matt. 15:29-16:12	56, 57	58, 60
Tue, Sept 22	Zech. 2	Matt. 16:13-28	59	63, 64
Wed, Sept 23	Zech. 3	Matt. 17:1-23	61, 62	65, 67
Thu, Sept 24	Zech. 4	Matt. 17:24-18:14	68:1-18	68:19-36
Fri, Sept 25	Zech. 5	Matt. 18:15-35	69:1-18	69:19-37
Sat, Sept 26	Zech. 6	Matt. 19:1-15	66	70, 72
Sun, Sept 27	Zech. 7	Matt. 19:16-20:16	71	73
Mon, Sept 28	Zech. 8	Matt. 20:17-34	74	77
Tue, Sept 29	Zech. 9	Matt. 21:1-22	75, 76	79, 82
Wed, Sept 30	Zechariah 10	Matt. 21:23-46	78:1-18	78:19-40

OCTOBER MORNING PRAYER

SILENCE

Take a few moments to quiet your heart

OPENING WORDS OF PRAYER

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. – *Philippians 1:2*

Psalm 46:1-5, 10-12

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
Though its waters rage and swell,
and though the mountains shake at its tempest.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy dwelling place of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; therefore she shall not be moved.
God shall help her at the break of day.
“Be still then and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
and I will be exalted in the earth.”
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Read 1 (or more) of the passages on page #68
You might consider using this pattern to guide your time:

READ

- Listen for any verses or phrases that stand out to you.

REFLECT (in a journal)

- What do I notice about God in this text? What do I learn about his character, his promises, his will, etc.?
- What is God revealing about my own heart & life? How does this challenge me? Where does it also encourage me?

RESPOND (in prayer)

- Use this time of reflection as a springboard for your prayers.
- Consider that when a phrase of Scripture resonates with you, this might be a way that God wants to start a conversation with you.

PRAYERS

- Thank God for his character, blessings, & provisions
 - Offer prayers & intercessions for yourself and others
-  Pray for creative and strategic new small group formats that help people deepen their relationship with Jesus. Specifically pray for long-form groups that go deeper in relationship and topic. Pray for short-term groups that provide introductions to other people and different aspects of the Christian life.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

See page #74

CLOSING COLLECT

Set us free, loving Father, from the bondage of our sins, and in your goodness and mercy give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

OCTOBER EVENING PRAYER

SILENCE

Take a few moments to quiet your heart

OPENING WORDS OF PRAYER

I will thank the Lord for giving me counsel; my heart also chastens me in the night season. I have set the Lord always before me; he is at my right hand, therefore I shall not fall. – *Psalm 16:8-9*

Psalm 3:3-5

But you, O Lord, are my defender;
you are my glory, and the one who lifts up my head.
I called upon the Lord with my voice,
and he heard me from his holy hill.
I lay down and slept, and rose up again,
for the Lord sustained me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Read 1 (or more) of the passages on page #68

TIME OF DAILY REFLECTION

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5. Look toward tomorrow

Thank God that his mercies are new every morning. Acknowledge that you need God and ask him to make his presence known in the day to come.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

See page #74

CLOSING COLLECT

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.*

OCTOBER DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

October 1 – October 31, 2020

DATE	LESSON #1	LESSON #2	AM PSALMS	PM PSALMS
Thu, Oct 1	Zech. 11	Matt. 22:1-33	78:41-73	80
Fri, Oct 2	Zech. 12	Matt. 22:34-23:12	81	83
Sat, Oct 3	Zech. 13	Matt. 23:13-39	84	85
Sun, Oct 4	Zech. 14	Matt. 24:1-28	86, 87	88
Mon, Oct 5	Malachi 1	Matt. 24:29-51	89:1-18	89:19-51
Tue, Oct 6	Malachi 2	Matt. 25:1-30	90	91
Wed, Oct 7	Malachi 3	Matt. 25:31-46	92, 93	94
Thu, Oct 8	Malachi 4	Matt. 26:1-30	95, 96	97, 98
Fri, Oct 9		Matt. 26:31-56	99, 100, 101	102
Sat, Oct 10		Matt. 26:57-75	103	104
Sun, Oct 11		Matt. 27:1-26	105:1-22	105:23-44
Mon, Oct 12		Matt. 27:27-56	106:1-18	106:19-46
Tue, Oct 13		Matt. 27:57-28:20	107:1-22	107:23-43
Wed, Oct 14		Mark 1:1-13	108, 110	109
Thu, Oct 15		Mark 1:14-31	111, 112	113, 114
Fri, Oct 16		Mark 1:32-45	115	116, 117
Sat, Oct 17		Mark 2:1-22	119:1-24	119:25-48
Sun, Oct 18		Mark 2:23-3:12	119:49-72	119:73-88
Mon, Oct 19	Isaiah 1	Mark 3:13-35	119:89-104	119:105-128
Tue, Oct 20	Isaiah 2	Mark 4:1-34	119:129-152	119:153-176
Wed, Oct 21	Isaiah 3	Mark 4:35-5:20	118	120, 121
Thu, Oct 22	Isaiah 4	Mark 5:21-43	122, 123	124, 125, 126
Fri, Oct 23	Isaiah 5	Mark 6:1-29	127, 128	129, 130, 131
Sat, Oct 24	Isaiah 6	Mark 6:30-56	132, 133	134-135
Sun, Oct 25	Isaiah 7	Mark 7:1-23	136	137, 138
Mon, Oct 26	Isaiah 8	Mark 7:24-8:10	139	141, 142
Tue, Oct 27	Isaiah 9	Mark 8:11-38	140	143
Wed, Oct 28	Isaiah 10	Mark 9:1-29	144	145
Thu, Oct 29	Isaiah 11	Mark 9:30-50	146	147
Fri, Oct 30	Isaiah 12	Mark 10:1-31	148	149, 150
Sat, Oct 31	Isaiah 13	Mark 10:32-52	2	3, 4

NOVEMBER MORNING PRAYER

SILENCE

Take a few moments to quiet your heart

OPENING WORDS OF PRAYER

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.
– *Psalm 19:14*

Psalm 63:1-4

O God, you are my God;
early will I seek you.
My soul thirsts for you, my flesh also longs after you,
in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
Thus I have looked upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and glory.
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall praise you.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Read 1 (or more) of the passages on page #73
You might consider using this pattern to guide your time:

READ

- Listen for any verses or phrases that stand out to you.

REFLECT (in a journal)

- What do I notice about God in this text? What do I learn about his character, his promises, his will, etc.?
- What is God revealing about my own heart & life? How does this challenge me? Where does it also encourage me?

RESPOND (in prayer)

- Use this time of reflection as a springboard for your prayers.
- Consider that when a phrase of Scripture resonates with you, this might be a way that God wants to start a conversation with you.

PRAYERS

- Thank God for his character, blessings, & provisions
- Offer prayers & intercessions for yourself and others

 Pray for the thousands of people who live along the Orange Line Corridor. Ask God to ‘open a door for us [actually LOTS of doors] for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ.’ (Colossians 4:2)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

See page #74

CLOSING COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the Cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

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OPENING WORDS OF PRAYER

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. – *Psalm 141:2*

Psalm 4:7-8

You have put gladness in my heart,
More than when others’ grain and wine and oil increased.
I will lay down in peace, and take my rest;
For you, Lord, only, make me dwell in safety.

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NOVEMBER DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

November 1 – November 28, 2020

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

See page #74

CLOSING COLLECT

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, as we live among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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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Sun, Nov 1 <i>All Saints Day</i>	Isaiah 14	Rev. 19:1-16	1, 15	34
Mon, Nov 2	Isaiah 15	Mark 11:1-26	5, 6	7
Tue, Nov 3	Isaiah 16	Mark 11:27—12:12	9	10
Wed, Nov 4	Isaiah 17	Mark 12:13-34	8, 11	15, 16
Thu, Nov 5	Isaiah 18	Mark 12:35—13:13	12, 13, 14	17
Fri, Nov 6	Isaiah 19	Mark 13:14-37	18:1-20	18:21-52
Sat, Nov 7	Isaiah 20	Mark 14:1-25	19	20, 21
Sun, Nov 8	Isaiah 21	Mark 14:26-52	22	23, 24
Mon, Nov 9	Isaiah 22	Mark 14:53-72	25	27
Tue, Nov 10	Isaiah 23	Mark 15	26, 28	31
Wed, Nov 11	Isaiah 24	Mark 16	29, 30	33
Thu, Nov 12	Isaiah 25	Luke 1:1-23	34	35
Fri, Nov 13	Isaiah 26	Luke 1:24-56	32, 36	38
Sat, Nov 14	Isaiah 27	Luke 1:57-80	37:1-17	37:18-41
Sun, Nov 15	Isaiah 28	Luke 2:1-21	40	39, 41
Mon, Nov 16	Isaiah 29	Luke 2:22-52	42, 43	44
Tue, Nov 17	Isaiah 30	Luke 3:1-22	45	46
Wed, Nov 18	Isaiah 31	Luke 3:23-38	47, 48	49
Thu, Nov 19	Isaiah 32	Luke 4:1-30	50	51
Fri, Nov 20	Isaiah 33	Luke 4:31-44	52, 53, 54	55
Sat, Nov 21	Isaiah 34	Luke 5:1-16	56, 57	58, 60
Sun, Nov 22	Isaiah 35	Luke 5:17-39	59	63, 64
Mon, Nov 23	Isaiah 36	Luke 6:1-19	61, 62	65, 67
Tue, Nov 24	Isaiah 37	Luke 6:20-38	68:1-18	68:19-36
Wed, Nov 25	Isaiah 38	Luke 6:39—7:10	69:1-18	69:19-37
Thu, Nov 26	Isaiah 39	Luke 7:11-35	66	70, 72
Fri, Nov 27	Isaiah 40	Luke 7:36-50	71	73
Sat, Nov 28	Isaiah 41	Luke 8:1-21	74	77



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven
Hallowed by thy Name
Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
Forgive us our trespasses
as we have forgiven those who have trespassed against us
Lead us not into temptation,
But Deliver us from evil
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and glory,
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

USING THE LORD'S PRAYER AS A GUIDE

A great way to pray the Lord's Prayer is by pausing to pray through each phrase in the prayer.

Our Father, who art in Heaven

Start your time of prayer by meditating on the reality that Jesus invites us to call God our "Father". Come before His presence with the expectation that He wants to be with you and listen to you, because you are his beloved child.

Hallowed by thy Name

Praise God for his character (his holiness, goodness, love) Also, thank the Lord for what He has done in your life.

Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven

Pray for God to extend his kingdom reign in your personal life, your family, your community, and the wider world. Ask God to draw many people to himself.

Give us this day our daily bread

Lift your daily needs up to the Lord. Tell God what is on your heart & mind. Ask Him to intervene in those situations with his strength & wisdom.

Forgive us our trespasses as we have forgiven those who have trespassed against us

Take a few moments to quiet your heart and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal where you have sinned. Confess those things to God. Next, invite the Holy Spirit to show you where you need to forgive others as well. Ask God to empower you to extend grace to those people.

Lead us not into temptation, But Deliver us from evil

Ask for wisdom & discernment to recognize where you are being tempted right now in your life. Then, pray for God to strengthen you to resist those temptations. Ask God to deliver you from the lies, accusations, and assaults of the Evil One.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Close your time as you began it, by praising God for who he is, and what he is doing in the world.

HELPFUL PRAYERS

COLLECTS FOR THE DAYS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday Morning: A Collect for Strength to await Christ's return

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Sunday Evening: A Collect for Resurrection Hope

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Monday Morning: A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Monday Evening: A Collect for Peace

O God, the source of all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Tuesday Morning: A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Tuesday Evening: A Collect for Aid Against Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Wednesday Morning: A Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day: Defend us by your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger; and that, guided by your Spirit, we may do what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Wednesday Evening: A Collect for Protection

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Thursday Morning: A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Thursday Evening: A Collect for the Presence of Christ

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. *Amen.*

Friday Morning: A Collect for Endurance

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. *Amen.*

Friday Evening: A Collect for Faith

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. *Amen.*

Saturday Morning: A Collect for Sabbath Rest

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saturday Evening: A Collect for the Eve of Worship

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth your unending day upon us who watch for you, that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship on the morrow give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COLLECTS FOR MISSION:

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the Cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

COLLECTS FOR USE DURING SICKNESS:

For Trust in God

O God, the source of all health: So fill my heart with faith in your love, that with calm expectancy I may make room for your power to possess me, and gracefully accept your healing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In Pain

Lord Jesus Christ, by your patience in suffering you hallowed earthly pain and gave us the example of obedience to your Father's will: Be near me in my time of weakness and pain; sustain me by your grace, that my strength and courage may not fail; heal me according to your will; and help me always to believe that what happens to me here is of little account if you hold me in eternal life, my Lord and my God. *Amen.*

For Sleep

O heavenly Father, you give your children sleep for the refreshing of soul and body: Grant me this gift, I pray; keep me in that perfect peace which you have promised to those whose minds are fixed on you; and give me such a sense of your presence, that in the hours of silence I may enjoy the blessed assurance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the Morning

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, help me to do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. *Amen.*

COLLECTS FOR GUIDANCE, STRENGTH, AND REST:

A Prayer of Self Dedication (William Temple)

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Guidance

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices; that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path we may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Quiet Confidence

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Trustfulness in Times of Worry and Anxiety

Most loving Father, you will us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care on the One who cares for us. Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested unto us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Sleep

Father, in your mercy dispel the darkness of this night, and let your servant sleep in peace, that at the dawn of a new day I may wake with joy in your Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COLLECTS FOR THE LIFE OF THE HOME:

For those we love

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Families

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you set the solitary in families: We commend to your continual care the homes in which your people dwell. Put far from them every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, and true godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy matrimony, have been made one flesh; turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the hearts of children to their parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be joined to one another with bonds of loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Children

O Lord Jesus Christ, who took little children into your arms and blessed them: Bless the children of this family, that they may grow up in godly fear and love. Give them your strength and guidance day by day, that they may continue in your love and service to their lives' end. Grant this, O blessed Savior, for your own Name's sake. *Amen.*

For the Care of Children

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom so to train them, that they may love all that is true, and pure, and lovely, and of good report, following the example of their Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Relative and Friends

O Loving Father, we commend to your gracious keeping all who are near and dear to us. Have mercy upon any who are sick, and comfort those who are in pain, anxiety, or sorrow. Awaken all who are careless about eternal things. Bless those who are young and in health, that they may give the days of their strength to you. Comfort the aged and infirm, that your peace may rest upon them. Hallow the ties of kindred, that we may help and not hinder one another in all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*