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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 Psalms follow the readings from *The Book of Common Prayer*, which covers all the Psalms every thirty days. Get to know the words here and you will better know Jesus Himself. There is no book of the Bible Jesus quoted more often than the Psalms.

The other daily readings for this season come from smaller books of the Bible, from the sections known as Minor Prophets (Old Testament) and General Epistles (New Testament). We'll shift back and forth between the Testaments after reading each book, so that we gain a better understanding of how longing for Christ was expressed and life with Christ applied. Here's a brief summary of each book:

Hosea: The relationship of God with His people told through the story of covenant marriage and adultery.

1 John: Discerning a true faith in Jesus Christ.

Joel: Addressed originally to the southern kingdom of Judah, God's judgment and call to repentance.

2 John: Warning about false teachers and encouragement to love one another.

3 John: A call to extend hospitality to other Christians passing through the region.

Amos: Addressed originally to the northern kingdom of Israel, a warning for the affluent and complacent who oppress the poor and the promise of help for the marginalized and oppressed.

Jude: Dealing decisively with false teachers.

Obadiah: A judgment against Edom meant to encourage Israelites who had been victims of Edom's hostility.

Jonah: Exposes the wrongness of a religious person who has the right theology but a hard heart, and focuses on the love of God that transcends national boundaries.

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 EPIPHANY.

The word *epiphany* comes from a Greek word meaning "disclosure or unveiling," and it was used in the ancient world to designate an official visit of a king or emperor to some city of his realm. In the tradition of the church calendar, Epiphany is a celebration of Jesus' manifestation to the world as Savior and King. John writes in his Gospel that "we have seen His glory," indicating that the truth of Jesus' majesty was not hidden, but publicly revealed for the whole world to experience.

The season of Epiphany begins on January 6th, twelve days after Christmas day, and it continues until Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the season of Lent. It is a time to reflect on Jesus' universal kingship, His beauty and majesty, and His mission to gather the nations of the world unto Himself. You will find these themes reflected in our prayer guide this season.

The simple message of Epiphany is that the King of creation has come and we are to receive Him in all His glory. In His light we see light and are made by grace to be light to others, that the whole world might worship Jesus the King.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

Morning Psalms: 46 ,97

Evening Psalms: 96, 100

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city. (Isaiah 52:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 103

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 1

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, by the leading of a star You manifested Your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know You now by faith, to Your presence, where we may see Your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Romans 12:1)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
(Hosea 11:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

O Loving Savior, You have revealed Yourself to me and given me the knowledge of salvation through Your shed blood on the cross. Alas, how neglectful have I been in the performance of my duty and my privilege of bringing the glad tidings of salvation to my fellow sinners! Forgive my sluggishness and indifference. Renew in me compassion, conviction, and courage to proclaim Your Gospel to a broken world. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Evening Psalms: 114, 115

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Our Lord and Savior, bless Your Word wherever it has been proclaimed this day, and let it be a power unto salvation to all who have heard it. Send out Your light and Your truth to all who are without Christ, without God, without hope in the world, and lead them to the knowledge of Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Grace

The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.
(Matthew 4:16)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Shake yourself from the dust and arise; be seated, O Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus says the LORD: "You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money." (Isaiah 52:2-3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 117, 118

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 2:1-13

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, by the leading of a star You manifested Your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know You now by faith, to Your presence, where we may see Your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The more they were called, the more they went away. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms. (Hosea 11:2-3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Mighty God, I humble myself for gifts misused, opportunities neglected, and words ill-advised. I confess my folly and inconsiderate ways, my broken resolutions, untrue service, my backsliding steps, my vain thoughts. Bury my sins in the ocean of Jesus' mercy, that His Spirit may pervade every fiber of my being. Then send me out to make Jesus known to the world. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

"Come now, let us argue it out," says the LORD: "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." (Isaiah 1:18)

Evening Psalms: 112, 113

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Our Lord and Savior, bless Your Word wherever it has been proclaimed this day, and let it be a power unto salvation to all who have heard it. Send out Your light and Your truth to all who are without Christ, without God, without hope in the world, and lead them to the knowledge of Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Grace

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:14, 16)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings Good News, who publishes peace, who brings Good News of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." (Isaiah 52:7)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 121, 122, 123

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 2:14-23

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, by the leading of a star You manifested Your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know You now by faith, to Your presence, where we may see Your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. (Romans 12:3)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

I led them with cords of kindness and bonds of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them. (Hosea 11:4)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, it is my calling to love You above all others. But it is my sin that I place myself above You. Forgive me for my contempt of You, for neglecting Your glory, for preferring things before You. Help me to set You above all else in mind and eye. And keep me in a faith that works by love, and serves by grace. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 1:1-2)

Evening Psalms: 131, 132

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Our Lord and Savior, bless Your Word wherever it has been proclaimed this day, and let it be a power unto salvation to all who have heard it. Send out Your light and Your truth to all who are without Christ, without God, without hope in the world, and lead them to the knowledge of Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Grace

Again 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)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. (Isaiah 52:8)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 138, 139

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 3

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, by the leading of a star You manifested Your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know You now by faith, to Your presence, where we may see Your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. (Romans 12:4-5)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. (Hosea 11:8)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

God of all nations, I praise You that in Christ the barriers that have separated humanity are torn down. Yet I confess my slowness to open my heart and mind to people of other lands, tongues, and races. Deliver me from the sins of fear and prejudice, that we may move toward the day when all are truly one in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

And He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Then those who were at table with Him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" And He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (Luke 7:48-50)

Evening Psalm: 147

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Our Lord and Savior, bless Your Word wherever it has been proclaimed this day, and let it be a power unto salvation to all who have heard it. Send out Your light and Your truth to all who are without Christ, without God, without hope in the world, and lead them to the knowledge of Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Grace

The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. (Romans 13:12)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. (Isaiah 52:9)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 148, 150

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 4

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (Romans 12:6-8)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

I will not execute by burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. (Hosea 11:9)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

O Lord, friend of the helpless, You sent Your Son to proclaim Good News to the poor. Forgive me for my carelessness toward those in need, for my bias toward those who make my life easy and comfortable. Give me eyes to see those I ordinarily pass over, and a heart willing to receive correction. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.... For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. (John 1:14, 16)

Evening Psalms: 91, 92

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Our Lord and Savior, bless Your Word wherever it has been proclaimed this day, and let it be a power unto salvation to all who have heard it. Send out Your light and Your truth to all who are without Christ, without God, without hope in the world, and lead them to the knowledge of Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Grace

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. (Isaiah 52:10)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 98, 99

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 5

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

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Closing Prayer

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Grace

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.
(Romans 12:9)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

They shall go after the LORD; He will roar like a lion; when He roars, His children shall come trembling from the west. And I will return them to their homes, declares the LORD. (Hosea 11:10-11)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

My Savior, help me. I am so slow to learn, so prone to forget, so weak to climb. I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my sullied conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities. Make it my chiefest joy to sit like Mary at Your feet and to abide in You, that Your life may flow through me . *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 4:10)

Evening Psalms: Psalm 136

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. (Revelation 21:22-24)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

Morning Psalms: 146, 147

Evening Psalms: 111, 112, 113

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city. (Isaiah 52:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 1, 2, 3

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 6:1-10

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into His Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Him as Lord and Savior; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

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Evening Psalms: 4, 7

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Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O Lord, as the night comes upon us, we again flee to You for Your gracious protection, firmly trusting that You will keep us safe against all dangers and evils. Give to us refreshing sleep, that tomorrow we may serve You with renewed strength in our daily callings, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior. *Amen.*

Grace

The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.
(Matthew 4:16)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Shake yourself from the dust and arise; be seated, O Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus says the LORD: "You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money." (Isaiah 52:2-3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 5, 6

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 6:11 - 7:16

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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"Come now, let us argue it out," says the LORD: "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." (Isaiah 1:18)

Evening Psalms: 10, 11

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O Lord, as the night comes upon us, we again flee to You for Your gracious protection, firmly trusting that You will keep us safe against all dangers and evils. Give to us refreshing sleep, that tomorrow we may serve You with renewed strength in our daily callings, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior. *Amen.*

Grace

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14, 16)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings Good News, who publishes peace, who brings Good News of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." (Isaiah 52:7)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 119:1-24

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 8

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into His Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Him as Lord and Savior; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Grace

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. (Romans 12:3)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

I led them with cords of kindness and bonds of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them. (Hosea 11:4)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, it is my calling to love You above all others. But it is my sin that I place myself above You. Forgive me for my contempt of You, for neglecting Your glory, for preferring things before You. Help me to set You above all else in mind and eye. And keep me in a faith that works by love, and serves by grace. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 1:1-2)

Evening Psalms: 12, 13, 14

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O Lord, as the night comes upon us, we again flee to You for Your gracious protection, firmly trusting that You will keep us safe against all dangers and evils. Give to us refreshing sleep, that tomorrow we may serve You with renewed strength in our daily callings, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior. *Amen.*

Grace

Again 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)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. (Isaiah 52:8)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 18:1-20

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 9

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into His Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Him as Lord and Savior; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Grace

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. (Romans 12:4-5)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. (Hosea 11:8)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

God of all nations, I praise You that in Christ the barriers that have separated humanity are torn down. Yet I confess my slowness to open my heart and mind to people of other lands, tongues, and races. Deliver me from the sins of fear and prejudice, that we may move toward the day when all are truly one in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

And He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Then those who were at table with Him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" And He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (Luke 7:48-50)

Evening Psalm: 18:21-50

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O Lord, as the night comes upon us, we again flee to You for Your gracious protection, firmly trusting that You will keep us safe against all dangers and evils. Give to us refreshing sleep, that tomorrow we may serve You with renewed strength in our daily callings, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior. *Amen.*

Grace

The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. (Romans 13:12)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. (Isaiah 52:9)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 16, 17

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 10

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into His Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Him as Lord and Savior; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Grace

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (Romans 12:6-8)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

I will not execute by burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. (Hosea 11:9)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

O Lord, friend of the helpless, You sent Your Son to proclaim Good News to the poor. Forgive me for my carelessness toward those in need, for my bias toward those who make my life easy and comfortable. Give me eyes to see those I ordinarily pass over, and a heart willing to receive correction. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Evening Psalm: 22

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O Lord, as the night comes upon us, we again flee to You for Your gracious protection, firmly trusting that You will keep us safe against all dangers and evils. Give to us refreshing sleep, that tomorrow we may serve You with renewed strength in our daily callings, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior. *Amen.*

Grace

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. (Isaiah 52:10)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 20, 21

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 11-12:1

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into His Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Him as Lord and Savior; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Grace

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.
(Romans 12:9)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

They shall go after the LORD; He will roar like a lion; when He roars, His children shall come trembling from the west. And I will return them to their homes, declares the LORD. (Hosea 11:10-11)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

My Savior, help me. I am so slow to learn, so prone to forget, so weak to climb. I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my sullied conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities. Make it my chiefest joy to sit like Mary at Your feet and to abide in You, that Your life may flow through me. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 4:10)

Evening Psalms: 110, 116, 117

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O Lord, as the night comes upon us, we again flee to You for Your gracious protection, firmly trusting that You will keep us safe against all dangers and evils. Give to us refreshing sleep, that tomorrow we may serve You with renewed strength in our daily callings, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior. *Amen.*

Grace

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. (Revelation 21:22-24)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

Morning Psalms: 148, 149, 150

Evening Psalms: 114, 115

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city. (Isaiah 52:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 25

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 12:2-14

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that Your people, illumined by Your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Romans 12:1)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
(Hosea 11:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

O Loving Savior, You have revealed Yourself to me and given me the knowledge of salvation through Your shed blood on the cross. Alas, how neglectful have I been in the performance of my duty and my privilege of bringing the glad tidings of salvation to my fellow sinners! Forgive my sluggishness and indifference. Renew in me compassion, conviction, and courage to proclaim Your Gospel to a broken world. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Evening Psalms: 9, 15

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven, open our lips and our hands, and give us prayerful hearts that we may become as salt and light to others. Kindle in us a fervent love for the souls of perishing sinners, and grant Your blessing to all Your church says and does, that Your Kingdom of grace may come to every tribe, tongue, and nation, to the glory of Jesus' name. *Amen.*

Grace

The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.
(Matthew 4:16)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Shake yourself from the dust and arise; be seated, O Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus says the LORD: "You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money." (Isaiah 52:2-3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 26, 28

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 13

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that Your people, illumined by Your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The more they were called, the more they went away. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms. (Hosea 11:2-3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Mighty God, I humble myself for gifts misused, opportunities neglected, and words ill-advised. I confess my folly and inconsiderate ways, my broken resolutions, untrue service, my backsliding steps, my vain thoughts. Bury my sins in the ocean of Jesus' mercy, that His Spirit may pervade every fiber of my being. Then send me out to make Jesus known to the world. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

"Come now, let us argue it out," says the LORD: "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." (Isaiah 1:18)

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, JANUARY 23 ---

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings Good News, who publishes peace, who brings Good News of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." (Isaiah 52:7)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 38

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 14

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Evening Psalm: 119:25-48

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

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(John 8:12)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. (Isaiah 52:8)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 37:1-18

Reading the Bible Together: 1 John 1

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Evening Psalm: 37:19-42

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. (Isaiah 52:9)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 31

Reading the Bible Together: 1 John 2:1-6

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that Your people, illumined by Your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.... For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. (John 1:14, 16)

Evening Psalm: 35

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven, open our lips and our hands, and give us prayerful hearts that we may become as salt and light to others. Kindle in us a fervent love for the souls of perishing sinners, and grant Your blessing to all Your church says and does, that Your Kingdom of grace may come to every tribe, tongue, and nation, to the glory of Jesus' name. *Amen.*

Grace

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. (Isaiah 52:10)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 30, 32

Reading the Bible Together: 1 John 2:7-14

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that Your people, illumined by Your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.
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EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

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Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 4:10)

Evening Psalms: 42, 43

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven, open our lips and our hands, and give us prayerful hearts that we may become as salt and light to others. Kindle in us a fervent love for the souls of perishing sinners, and grant Your blessing to all Your church says and does, that Your Kingdom of grace may come to every tribe, tongue, and nation, to the glory of Jesus' name. *Amen.*

Grace

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. (Revelation 21:22-24)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

Morning Psalms: 63, 98

Evening Psalm: 103

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city. (Isaiah 52:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 41, 52

Reading the Bible Together: 1 John 2:15-17

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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.*

Grace

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Romans 12:1)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

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(Hosea 11:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

O Loving Savior, You have revealed Yourself to me and given me the knowledge of salvation through Your shed blood on the cross. Alas, how neglectful have I been in the performance of my duty and my privilege of bringing the glad tidings of salvation to my fellow sinners! Forgive my sluggishness and indifference. Renew in me compassion, conviction, and courage to proclaim Your Gospel to a broken world. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Evening Psalm: 44

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was presented in the temple, so we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.
(Matthew 4:16)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Shake yourself from the dust and arise; be seated, O Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus says the LORD: "You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money." (Isaiah 52:2-3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 45

Reading the Bible Together: 1 John 2:18-27

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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.*

Grace

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The more they were called, the more they went away. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms. (Hosea 11:2-3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Mighty God, I humble myself for gifts misused, opportunities neglected, and words ill-advised. I confess my folly and inconsiderate ways, my broken resolutions, untrue service, my backsliding steps, my vain thoughts. Bury my sins in the ocean of Jesus' mercy, that His Spirit may pervade every fiber of my being. Then send me out to make Jesus known to the world. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

"Come now, let us argue it out," says the LORD: "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." (Isaiah 1:18)

Evening Psalms: 47, 48

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was presented in the temple, so we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14, 16)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings Good News, who publishes peace, who brings Good News of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." (Isaiah 52:7)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 119:49-72

Reading the Bible Together: 1 John 3:1-10

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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.*

Grace

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. (Romans 12:3)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

I led them with cords of kindness and bonds of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them. (Hosea 11:4)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, it is my calling to love You above all others. But it is my sin that I place myself above You. Forgive me for my contempt of You, for neglecting Your glory, for preferring things before You. Help me to set You above all else in mind and eye. And keep me in a faith that works by love, and serves by grace. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 1:1-2)

Evening Psalm: 49

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was presented in the temple, so we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Again 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)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. (Isaiah 52:8)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 50

Reading the Bible Together: 1 John 3:11-24

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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.*

Grace

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. (Romans 12:4-5)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. (Hosea 11:8)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

God of all nations, I praise You that in Christ the barriers that have separated humanity are torn down. Yet I confess my slowness to open my heart and mind to people of other lands, tongues, and races. Deliver me from the sins of fear and prejudice, that we may move toward the day when all are truly one in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

And He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Then those who were at table with Him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" And He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (Luke 7:48-50)

Evening Psalm: 118

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. (Romans 13:12)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. (Isaiah 52:9)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 40, 54

Reading the Bible Together: 1 John 4:1-6

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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.*

Grace

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (Romans 12:6-8)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

I will not execute by burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. (Hosea 11:9)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

O Lord, friend of the helpless, You sent Your Son to proclaim Good News to the poor. Forgive me for my carelessness toward those in need, for my bias toward those who make my life easy and comfortable. Give me eyes to see those I ordinarily pass over, and a heart willing to receive correction. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.... For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. (John 1:14, 16)

Evening Psalm: 51

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was presented in the temple, so we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. (Isaiah 52:10)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 55

Reading the Bible Together: 1 John 4:7-21

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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.*

Grace

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.
(Romans 12:9)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

They shall go after the LORD; He will roar like a lion; when He roars, His children shall come trembling from the west. And I will return them to their homes, declares the LORD. (Hosea 11:10-11)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

My Savior, help me. I am so slow to learn, so prone to forget, so weak to climb. I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my sullied conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities. Make it my chiefest joy to sit like Mary at Your feet and to abide in You, that Your life may flow through me. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 4:10)

Evening Psalms: 138, 139

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. (Revelation 21:22-24)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Morning Psalms: 24, 29

Evening Psalms: 8, 84

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city. (Isaiah 52:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 56, 57

Reading the Bible Together: 1 John 5:1-5

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, You govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of Your people, and in our time grant us Your peace; though Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Romans 12:1)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
(Hosea 11:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

O Loving Savior, You have revealed Yourself to me and given me the knowledge of salvation through Your shed blood on the cross. Alas, how neglectful have I been in the performance of my duty and my privilege of bringing the glad tidings of salvation to my fellow sinners! Forgive my sluggishness and indifference. Renew in me compassion, conviction, and courage to proclaim Your Gospel to a broken world. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Evening Psalms: 64, 65

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in Your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to His just and gentle rule; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grace

The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.
(Matthew 4:16)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Shake yourself from the dust and arise; be seated, O Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus says the LORD: "You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money." (Isaiah 52:2-3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 61, 62

Reading the Bible Together: 1 John 5:6-12

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The more they were called, the more they went away. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms. (Hosea 11:2-3)

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Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

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Evening Psalm: 68

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

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Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 72

Reading the Bible Together: 1 John 5:13-21

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

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Evening Psalm: 119:73-96

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

Again 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)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. (Isaiah 52:8)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 71

Reading the Bible Together: Joel 1

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

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. (Isaiah 52:9)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 69

Reading the Bible Together: Joel 2:1-11

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

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Evening Psalm: 73

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. (Isaiah 52:10)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 75, 76

Reading the Bible Together: Joel 2:12-27

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

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Evening Psalms: 23, 27

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. (Revelation 21:22-24)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Morning Psalms: 93, 96

Evening Psalm: 34

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city. (Isaiah 52:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 80

Reading the Bible Together: Joel 2:28-3:21

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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

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Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Evening Psalm: 77

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O Christ, who commanded the apostles to go into all the world, and to preach the Gospel to every creature, let Your name be great among the nations from rising of the sun to its going down, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.
(Matthew 4:16)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Shake yourself from the dust and arise; be seated, O Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus says the LORD: "You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money." (Isaiah 52:2-3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 78:1-39

Reading the Bible Together: 2 John

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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

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Evening Psalm: 78:40-72

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14, 16)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings Good News, who publishes peace, who brings Good News of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." (Isaiah 52:7)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 119:97-120

Reading the Bible Together: 3 John

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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

Grace

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. (Romans 12:3)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

I led them with cords of kindness and bonds of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them. (Hosea 11:4)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, it is my calling to love You above all others. But it is my sin that I place myself above You. Forgive me for my contempt of You, for neglecting Your glory, for preferring things before You. Help me to set You above all else in mind and eye. And keep me in a faith that works by love, and serves by grace. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 1:1-2)

Evening Psalms: 81, 82

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O Christ, who commanded the apostles to go into all the world, and to preach the Gospel to every creature, let Your name be great among the nations from rising of the sun to its going down, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Again 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)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. (Isaiah 52:8)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 146, 147

Reading the Bible Together: Amos 1

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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

Grace

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. (Romans 12:4-5)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. (Hosea 11:8)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

God of all nations, I praise You that in Christ the barriers that have separated humanity are torn down. Yet I confess my slowness to open my heart and mind to people of other lands, tongues, and races. Deliver me from the sins of fear and prejudice, that we may move toward the day when all are truly one in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

And He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Then those who were at table with Him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" And He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (Luke 7:48-50)

Evening Psalms: 85, 86

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O Christ, who commanded the apostles to go into all the world, and to preach the Gospel to every creature, let Your name be great among the nations from rising of the sun to its going down, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. (Romans 13:12)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. (Isaiah 52:9)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 88

Reading the Bible Together: Amos 2

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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

Grace

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (Romans 12:6-8)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

I will not execute by burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. (Hosea 11:9)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

O Lord, friend of the helpless, You sent Your Son to proclaim Good News to the poor. Forgive me for my carelessness toward those in need, for my bias toward those who make my life easy and comfortable. Give me eyes to see those I ordinarily pass over, and a heart willing to receive correction. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.... For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. (John 1:14, 16)

Evening Psalms: 91, 92

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O Christ, who commanded the apostles to go into all the world, and to preach the Gospel to every creature, let Your name be great among the nations from rising of the sun to its going down, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16 ---

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. (Isaiah 52:10)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 87, 90

Reading the Bible Together: Amos 3

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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

Grace

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.
(Romans 12:9)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

They shall go after the LORD; He will roar like a lion; when He roars, His children shall come trembling from the west. And I will return them to their homes, declares the LORD. (Hosea 11:10-11)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

My Savior, help me. I am so slow to learn, so prone to forget, so weak to climb. I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my sullied conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities. Make it my chiefest joy to sit like Mary at Your feet and to abide in You, that Your life may flow through me. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 4:10)

Evening Psalm: 136

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O Christ, who commanded the apostles to go into all the world, and to preach the Gospel to every creature, let Your name be great among the nations from rising of the sun to its going down, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. (Revelation 21:22-24)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Morning Psalms: 66, 67

Evening Psalms: 19, 46

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city. (Isaiah 52:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 89:1-18

Reading the Bible Together: Amos 4

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without You, give us the help of Your grace, that in keeping Your commandments we may please You both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Romans 12:1)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
(Hosea 11:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

O Loving Savior, You have revealed Yourself to me and given me the knowledge of salvation through Your shed blood on the cross. Alas, how neglectful have I been in the performance of my duty and my privilege of bringing the glad tidings of salvation to my fellow sinners! Forgive my sluggishness and indifference. Renew in me compassion, conviction, and courage to proclaim Your Gospel to a broken world. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Evening Psalms: 89:19-52

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, Your answer to the chaos and strife of the world is Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lead us to take refuge in Him, the hope of the world, who alone can wipe away our tears. *Amen.*

Grace

The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.
(Matthew 4:16)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Shake yourself from the dust and arise; be seated, O Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus says the LORD: "You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money." (Isaiah 52:2-3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 97, 99

Reading the Bible Together: Amos 5:1-17

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without You, give us the help of Your grace, that in keeping Your commandments we may please You both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The more they were called, the more they went away. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms. (Hosea 11:2-3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Mighty God, I humble myself for gifts misused, opportunities neglected, and words ill-advised. I confess my folly and inconsiderate ways, my broken resolutions, untrue service, my backsliding steps, my vain thoughts. Bury my sins in the ocean of Jesus' mercy, that His Spirit may pervade every fiber of my being. Then send me out to make Jesus known to the world. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

"Come now, let us argue it out," says the LORD: "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." (Isaiah 1:18)

Evening Psalm: 94

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14, 16)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings Good News, who publishes peace, who brings Good News of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." (Isaiah 52:7)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 101, 109

Reading the Bible Together: Amos 5:18-25

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without You, give us the help of Your grace, that in keeping Your commandments we may please You both in will and deed; 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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Evening Psalm: 119:121-144

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

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(John 8:12)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. (Isaiah 52:8)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 105:1-22

Reading the Bible Together: Amos 6:1-14

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

Almighty God, Your answer to the chaos and strife of the world is Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lead us to take refuge in Him, the hope of the world, who alone can wipe away our tears. *Amen.*

Grace

The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. (Romans 13:12)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. (Isaiah 52:9)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 102

Reading the Bible Together: Amos 7

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing 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

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. (Isaiah 52:10)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 107:33-43, 108

Reading the Bible Together: Amos 8

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 4:10)

Evening Psalm: 33

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, Your answer to the chaos and strife of the world is Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lead us to take refuge in Him, the hope of the world, who alone can wipe away our tears. *Amen.*

Grace

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. (Revelation 21:22-24)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 _____

Morning Psalm: 118

Evening Psalm: 145

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city. (Isaiah 52:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 106:1-18

Reading the Bible Together: Amos 9:1-10

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O Lord, You have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send Your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts Your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue. Grant this for the sake of Your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Evening Psalm: 106:19-48

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to learn nothing but the loss of You, and to cast all our care on You who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which You have manifested to us in Your Son 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

The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.
(Matthew 4:16)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Shake yourself from the dust and arise; be seated, O Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus says the LORD: "You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money." (Isaiah 52:2-3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 121, 122, 123

Reading the Bible Together: Amos 9:11-15

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

"Come now, let us argue it out," says the LORD: "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." (Isaiah 1:18)

Evening Psalms: 124, 125, 126

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings Good News, who publishes peace, who brings Good News of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." (Isaiah 52:7)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 119:145-176

Reading the Bible Together: Jude

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O Lord, You have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send Your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts Your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue. Grant this for the sake of Your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. (Romans 12:3)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

I led them with cords of kindness and bonds of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them. (Hosea 11:4)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, it is my calling to love You above all others. But it is my sin that I place myself above You. Forgive me for my contempt of You, for neglecting Your glory, for preferring things before You. Help me to set You above all else in mind and eye. And keep me in a faith that works by love, and serves by grace. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 1:1-2)

Evening Psalms: 128, 129, 130

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to learn nothing but the loss of You, and to cast all our care on You who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which You have manifested to us in Your Son 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

Again 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)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. (Isaiah 52:8)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 131, 132

Reading the Bible Together: Obadiah

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O Lord, You have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send Your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts Your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue. Grant this for the sake of Your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. (Romans 12:4-5)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. (Hosea 11:8)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

God of all nations, I praise You that in Christ the barriers that have separated humanity are torn down. Yet I confess my slowness to open my heart and mind to people of other lands, tongues, and races. Deliver me from the sins of fear and prejudice, that we may move toward the day when all are truly one in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

And He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Then those who were at table with Him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" And He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (Luke 7:48-50)

Evening Psalms: 134, 135

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to learn nothing but the loss of You, and to cast all our care on You who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which You have manifested to us in Your Son 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

The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. (Romans 13:12)

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. (Isaiah 52:9)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 140, 142

Reading the Bible Together: Jonah 1

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O Lord, You have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send Your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts Your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue. Grant this for the sake of Your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (Romans 12:6-8)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

I will not execute by burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. (Hosea 11:9)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

O Lord, friend of the helpless, You sent Your Son to proclaim Good News to the poor. Forgive me for my carelessness toward those in need, for my bias toward those who make my life easy and comfortable. Give me eyes to see those I ordinarily pass over, and a heart willing to receive correction. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.... For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. (John 1:14, 16)

Evening Psalms: 141, 143

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to learn nothing but the loss of You, and to cast all our care on You who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which You have manifested to us in Your Son 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

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. (Isaiah 52:10)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 137, 144

Reading the Bible Together: Jonah 2

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O Lord, You have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send Your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts Your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue. Grant this for the sake of Your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.
(Romans 12:9)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

They shall go after the LORD; He will roar like a lion; when He roars, His children shall come trembling from the west. And I will return them to their homes, declares the LORD. (Hosea 11:10-11)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

My Savior, help me. I am so slow to learn, so prone to forget, so weak to climb. I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my sullied conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities. Make it my chiefest joy to sit like Mary at Your feet and to abide in You, that Your life may flow through me. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 4:10)

Evening Psalm: 104

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to learn nothing but the loss of You, and to cast all our care on You who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which You have manifested to us in Your Son 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 saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. (Revelation 21:22-24)

SUNDAY, MARCH 3 _____

Morning Psalms: 148, 149, 150



Evening Psalms: 114, 115

MONDAY, MARCH 4

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city. (Isaiah 52:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 25

Reading the Bible Together: Jonah 3

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, who before the passion of Your only-begotten Son revealed His glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of this countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into His likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Romans 12:1)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
(Hosea 11:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

O Loving Savior, You have revealed Yourself to me and given me the knowledge of salvation through Your shed blood on the cross. Alas, how neglectful have I been in the performance of my duty and my privilege of bringing the glad tidings of salvation to my fellow sinners! Forgive my sluggishness and indifference. Renew in me compassion, conviction, and courage to proclaim Your Gospel to a broken world. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Evening Psalms: 9, 15

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God of all the nations of the earth: Remember the multitudes who have been created in Your image but have not known the redeeming work of our Savior Jesus Christ; and grant that, by the prayers and labors of Your holy Church, they may be brought to know and worship You as You have been revealed in Your Son; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned. (Matthew 4:16)

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Shake yourself from the dust and arise; be seated, O Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus says the LORD: "You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money." (Isaiah 52:2-3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 26, 28

Reading the Bible Together: Jonah 4

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, who before the passion of Your only-begotten Son revealed His glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of this countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into His likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The more they were called, the more they went away. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms. (Hosea 11:2-3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Mighty God, I humble myself for gifts misused, opportunities neglected, and words ill-advised. I confess my folly and inconsiderate ways, my broken resolutions, untrue service, my backsliding steps, my vain thoughts. Bury my sins in the ocean of Jesus' mercy, that His Spirit may pervade every fiber of my being. Then send me out to make Jesus known to the world. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

"Come now, let us argue it out," says the LORD: "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." (Isaiah 1:18)

Evening Psalms: 36, 39

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God of all the nations of the earth: Remember the multitudes who have been created in Your image but have not known the redeeming work of our Savior Jesus Christ; and grant that, by the prayers and labors of Your holy Church, they may be brought to know and worship You as You have been revealed in Your Son; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14, 16)



PRAYERS FOR THE NATIONS

JANUARY 6

Pray for The Bahamas

The Bahamas has a rich Christian history but is facing a growing materialism, low Christian commitment, and the challenge of a young generation that is alienated from traditional church culture. Pray for Julian and Christiana Russell and their family as they grieve the loss of a granddaughter. Pray for fruitful connections with the community as they launch Covenant Life Presbyterian Church in January and serve students at their local primary school, C.W. Sawyer.

JANUARY 7

Pray for The Cambodia

Over eighty percent of Cambodians are Buddhist. Pray for this country that still bears the scars of genocide from the 1970s. The loss of a generation leaves the country vulnerable to human trafficking and widespread abuses of the weak and vulnerable. Pray for Corey and Jessica* as they focus their ministry on reaching a new generation of leaders with the good news. Pray for our church planting friends Mikli and Flor, that many would be saved and disciplined to become leaders in the church. Pray for protection in a challenging political climate.

JANUARY 8

Pray for East Asia

Pray for the many PCPC workers serving in East Asia. Pray for Erika, Rick and Kathy, Kevin and Ashley, Guang and Zhibai, Noel, Tim and Hulian, Ben and Jenny, and David and Pam*. Pray for our closest pastor friends, Yi, Moore, and Peter. Pray for protection and discernment during increasing persecution. Pray also for the PCPC students and families who will participate in a cultural exchange program this summer. Praise God for what He has done in China over the past 100 years. Pray for the gospel to bear much fruit among the atheist majority. Pray also for the gospel friendships of PCPC members with Chinese locally, particularly international students at SMU through RUF International and students who attend PCPC's ESL ministry.

JANUARY 9

Pray for Colombia

Colombia is stabilizing after years of fighting between guerillas and paramilitary political rivals. Pray for a young and growing church that is divided by social

class and in great need of leaders. Pray for Dick and Joanne Brown and Peter and Lauren Dishman as they focus on reaching a new generation of young adults and college students with the good news about Jesus. Pray for Peter and Lauren as they experience being new parents for the first time. Pray also for PCPC's witness among Colombians at SMU and through our ESL ministry.

JANUARY 10

Pray for Latin American Island

Pray for Kurt and Pat who have a long history serving the people of this island, among many other nations. Praise God for unprecedented growth of the church. Pray for the young church in this Latin American Island as they face sporadic persecution and struggle to raise up enough leaders. Pray that evangelism efforts will bear fruit among the 3 million devotees to Santería, a form of voodoo Spiritism.

JANUARY 11

Pray for Germany

Five hundred years after the Reformation, Germany needs much prayer. The church continues a slow but steady decline. Only two percent of the nation's youth consider Jesus their Savior. Pray for Ben and Anna Graber and their young family as they transition from Berlin to Munich and seek to raise the additional support needed for this change in location. God has opened a door for them to make disciples through a local church while Ben continues teaching at Martin Bucer Seminary. Pray for these efforts to bear much fruit in turning the tide of the church's decline.

JANUARY 12

Pray for India

Despite its long association with Christianity and growth of the church in some areas, India remains a challenging context for gospel advancement. Likewise, this nation of contrasts has seen growing influence in the world through culture and technology while extreme poverty plagues hundreds of millions of Indians. The rise in Hindu nationalism is accompanied by a growing hostility toward Christians. Pray for Cartee and Colleen and Paul and Shirley* as they labor to evangelize and make disciples through the local church. Pray for unity among the network of churches with whom they partner to plant churches. Pray also for PCPC's efforts among Indian students at SMU through RUF International.

JANUARY 13

Pray for Indonesia

When we think of Islam, we don't often think of Asia, yet Indonesia is the largest Muslim nation in the world. Pray for PCPC's friends serving in an unreached part of this nation still under Sharia law. These evangelists labor to preach the gospel in areas technically closed to this type of work. Pray also for PCPC's potential

outreach to Indonesians through ESL and RUF International at SMU.

JANUARY 14

Pray for Iran

Over ninety-eight percent of Iran is Muslim, yet the Church is seeing unprecedented growth. Pray that this small and persecuted church, especially those who have converted from Islam, would have courage, fortitude, and protection as they make disciples in an uncertain environment. Pray that the Western church will love and preach the good news to the Iranian diaspora. PCPC has inroads with this population through RUF International, ESL, For the Nations Refugee Outreach, and our good friend Hamid.

JANUARY 15

Pray for Iraq

Iraq's future remains uncertain. After decades of suffering, there is a leadership void that was filled recently by radical groups like ISIS. Christians and other non-Muslims have suffered tremendously. Yet God is at work. Many Iraqis, especially those who have fled to other nations, are leaving Islam at historic rates. Pray that these Iraqis would leave Islam and find Jesus. Pray for the Iraqi diaspora, which has also led to many coming to Dallas. Pray for PCPC's relationships with Iraqi international students and refugees.

JANUARY 16

Pray for Italy

Italy's historic contribution to the world and to Christianity is significant. Today however, true Christianity is largely irrelevant, replaced by the god of secular materialism. Over seventy percent of Italy's communities do not have an established Bible-believing congregation. Terrance and Hillary* labored over many years to change this statistic in one of Italy's communities by planting a church. Pray for this new church and for its Italian believers to grow deep and wide in the gospel. Pray also for the few Italian international students that PCPC has gotten to know on the SMU campus over the years.

JANUARY 17

Pray for Japan

The Japanese community in Dallas is growing due to the relocation of some high-profile businesses. Pray for this new opportunity for PCPC to reach the people of Japan. We have seen a growth in Japanese students wanting to learn English through PCPC's ESL ministry and international students attending SMU. PCPC has many missionaries and deep relationships spanning many years in Japan. Please pray for Dan and Carol Iverson, Tim and Jenny Martin, Brett and Taylor Rayl, Yoshinobu and Miho Hirohashi, and Seima and Naoko Aoyagi. Pray for Shannon DeBoer who is also considering a call to serve in Japan as a PCPC missionary. These families face ministry in a nation that has many challenges to the gospel.

The Japanese are a proud and accomplished people that have historically resisted the gospel. There are spiritual forces and ways of life that make converting to Christianity an extremely difficult choice. Pray that the church will find ways to break through these barriers by God's grace.

JANUARY 18

Pray for Korea

Pray for Jay and Maureen Kyle who lead church planting efforts in many of Asia's largest cities. One such example is the city of Seoul, Korea, the world's fifth largest city. Korea's role in worldwide mission efforts and generally in Asia is substantial. Pray for the people of North Korea who suffer greatly under the current regime. In great contrast, pray for South Korea's steadfastness in bringing the gospel to the whole world. Pray for the international students at SMU from Korea and in PCPC's ESL ministry who are often Christians. Pray that they would see their time away from home as a mission to make known the good news of the gospel and to grow deep in their love for Jesus.

JANUARY 19

Pray for Laos

Despite restrictions and persecution, and a strong Buddhist heritage, this communist nation has seen rapid growth in Christianity. Pray that the church in Laos would persevere in persecution, remain urgent in evangelism, and grow in depth of biblical literacy. Pray that PCPC would have wisdom in knowing how to continue to support our many friends in Laos. Pray also for the vast Lao diaspora who fled during communist takeover in Southeast Asia in the 1970s. Today, more Lao people live outside of Laos than in Laos. Pray for PCPC's ministry to Lao refugees and their children, many of them struggling to find their place outside of Buddhism.

JANUARY 20

Pray for Lithuania

Like many former Soviet countries, the void of communism and lack of biblical Christianity has made Lithuania susceptible to materialism, hedonism, and nihilism. Many of the most gifted and privileged Lithuanians leave for better opportunities elsewhere. Openness to the world has left a void. Openness to the gospel has led to evangelical growth, but there are few Christian leaders. Pray for Matt and Jennie* who serve in Lithuania to evangelize college students who are hardened by the nominal Christianity of Europe. Pray for Matt to be a faithful gospel witness and to guard his heart in an often-isolated context.

JANUARY 21

Pray for Mexico

Mexico has a rich history but is still searching for its modern identity. Mexico has a very young population. Around one-third of Mexicans are aged 15 or

younger. Pray for unity among the church that is quite strong and capable of reaching Mexico and Latin America with a strong vision for mission and training. Pray for peace in Mexico amidst clashes between drug cartels. Pray for PCPC's missionaries serving in this context. Jon and Libby White, Ruth and Andres Garza, and Rick and Pam Box are all focused on reaching and training young leaders of Mexico in various ways. Pray also for the Mexicans that PCPC serves through ESL and RUF International at SMU.

JANUARY 22

Pray for Myanmar

Those in power in Myanmar have redefined the word "ruthless". The policies of isolation held by the Buddhist majority is forcing many thousands of non-Buddhists and minority groups out of Myanmar. Pray for interventions that will bring justice and repentance for those in power. Refugees have flooded into Dallas over the past years, creating an unprecedented opportunity to reach people fleeing Myanmar. Pray for PCPC's relationship among various people groups fleeing Myanmar through For the Nations. Pray also for PCPC's friends Tial and Annie* who remain in Myanmar, faithfully proclaiming the good news and training up church leaders during great persecution.

JANUARY 23

Pray for Nepal

The promise brought by a Hindu monarchy yielding to pro-democracy in 2008 is eroding. Like India, the growth of Christianity is viewed as a threat to the dominance of Hinduism. Christian conversion and evangelism were recently outlawed. Pray for Bryan and Lois* who served in Nepal for over 20 years providing the word of God in a time when the Nepalese church saw rapid and unprecedented growth. Pray as they seek to bring the hope of the good news to those people traumatized by war, violence, and natural disasters in the region. Pray also for Rick and Kathy Ragan who have recently returned after training church leaders. Pray for the Nepalese church to persevere and endure new challenges. Pray also for opportunities for PCPC to minister to Nepalese diaspora who attend SMU and come as refugees to Dallas.

JANUARY 24

Pray for Panama

Panama sits in a unique place in the world, giving this small nation many challenges and great potential for gospel outreach. Pray that the mostly poor Bible-believing church would make inroads in the broader society and among young leaders. Sixty-five percent of the population is under the age of 35. Pray for the Church to have a mission vision for this diverse bridge to the world. Pray for Bill and Ann Bivin, who have seen the Lord do mighty works among minority groups in Panama over many years of faithful ministry. Pray for wisdom in passing leadership to local leaders and changing roles on the mission field.

JANUARY 25

Pray for Peru

Peru remains a nation facing urgent challenges. Pray for a stable government and economic progress of the nation's many poor minorities. Praise God for dramatic growth among evangelical churches. Pray for unity and deeper discipleship among these largely poor churches. Keith and Ruth Powlison and Jim Wroughton covet prayers as they continue to faithfully walk with the Quechua churches that have flourished during their ministry. Pray for diligence and wisdom in helping these churches fulfill the cultural mandate and great commission in their nation. Pray also for the Peruvian international students at SMU that we have the privilege of befriending in the name of Christ.

JANUARY 26

Pray for The Philippines

The Philippines is a rare Christian nation in Asia with great potential for gospel influence worldwide. Pray for the church to grow deeper and wider. Spiritual vitality does not always align with biblical truth in the Philippines. Poverty remains a significant issue and opportunity for the church. Pray for PCPC's many friends who serve in local churches planted through the years. Pray that they would be faithful to the scriptures and be witnesses to the gospel. Pray for Dennis and Rhonda Conroy and their children who served faithfully in the Philippines for many years and are seeking the Lord's direction following the completion of further training.

JANUARY 27

Pray for Russia

Bible-believing Christians in Russia find themselves in a time of increased growth and pressure. Pray that church leaders would grow in biblical leadership and have wisdom in an uncertain political and religious climate. Challenges for prayer include reaching students, children, and more remote cities and towns. Pray for Graham and Sarah Purcell who are starting a new work in this significant place. Pray that doors would stay open for them to preach the gospel and shape leaders. Pray for the Russian immigrants we serve in PCPC's ESL ministry.

JANUARY 28

Pray for Senegal

The largely Muslim nation of Senegal is strangely open and closed to the gospel at the same time. Islam dominates religious life, growing from forty-five percent of the population to over ninety-percent since 1900. Yet, recent years have seen significant growth in the church through church planting efforts among certain people groups. Pray for Dick and Sue* who are faithfully serving and assisting the local church to fill numerous organizational and training needs. Pray also for Mamadou* and his family as they lead a growing church with many needs that are both challenges and opportunities. Pray for new efforts of this church to reach

young people in the capital city. Over fifty-five percent of the population is under age 20.

JANUARY 29

Pray for Syria

Syria is in crisis. Years of civil war have left the country in shambles and there is no end in sight. Christian minorities that once enjoyed freedom and stability have faced significant opposition and oppression. Pray for peace and a swift end to this violence. Refugees have poured into neighboring Turkey and beyond as people seek to flee the death and destruction of civil war. Many of these refugees are Muslim and are coming to faith in Christ outside of Syria. Pray for the many opportunities that PCPC has to reach international students and refugees from Syria who are currently in Dallas.

JANUARY 30

Pray for Thailand

Thailand has been an island of stability and freedom amid a troubled Southeast Asian region. Pray for peace to continue despite some recent unrest and Islamic terrorism. Pray for the end of rampant injustice and corruption fueled by the sex and drug trades. Pray against spiritual darkness in this Buddhist stronghold that has been largely resistant to the gospel. Pray for Ruth* who is serving in an extremely unreached sector of society. Pray for Ruth to have good friendships and supernatural inroads to share the gospel. Pray also for Sumran and Kesarin Mockchai and Wares and Tywaporn Racharak who are leading a church and ministry hub for evangelism and church planting in a largely unevangelized area of Thailand.

JANUARY 31

Pray for Ukraine

Praise God for the sustained growth of evangelicals since the fall of the Soviet Union. Pray for Ukraine's unique position as a key nation, serving as a bridge between the East and the West. Pray for Doug and Masha Shepherd, Igor and Lena Yaremchuk, and Max and Nina Tykonov, all of whom are heavily involved in church planting. Pray they would help bridge the gap of trained leaders with a holistic view of the gospel to meet both the spiritual and physical needs of Ukraine.

FEBRUARY 1

Pray for The United States of America

The United States of America is undergoing unprecedented change on many levels. Take this time to pray for the United States. Pray for PCPC's missionaries and ministry partners serving to reach the United States. Here are just a few you can pray for who serve in our backyard. Claire Kornfield and Jake and Sarah Waid serve to reach the large refugee population in Dallas with a holistic gospel. Chris

and Sarah Morrison are witnesses to the good news among international students on the SMU campus. Bill Thomas tirelessly serves, along with many churches and PCA leaders, to plant churches among people of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Arizona. James Madden at SMU and dozens of RUF pastors around the nation serve on college and university campuses to evangelize and disciple the student body. Reid and Ellen Porter fight for justice and proclaim the gospel to underprivileged neighborhoods around Dallas. Annie Roberson joyfully discipled youth and women in West Dallas. Rusty Coffee faithfully serves the prison population seeking to set spiritual prisoners free. Pray for Cristo Rey Presbyterian Church and for the Dunn family. YOU have a mission to your family, neighbors and co-workers. Pray for God's Kingdom to advance through these and other outposts of the gospel in this land.

FEBRUARY 2

Pray for Vietnam

Vietnam is one of the few Communist nations left in the 21st century. There are great needs in this nation that only the gospel can meet. Rapid growth in the church is cause for praise but it also generates challenges. Persecution and corruption are significant obstacles. Pray for PCPC's partner churches who operate undercover and have great difficulty acquiring official permits for places to meet. Pray also for the vast Vietnamese diaspora, most of whom are in the United States following the Vietnam war. Pray for PCPC's ministry to this population through RUF International and For the Nations Refugee Outreach.

FEBRUARY 3

Pray for Zambia

Zambia has a strong and vibrant church. Praise be to God. With that comes the risk of cultural Christianity. Islamic outreach has increased in Zambia as Muslims seek to grow their influence in Africa. The popularity of the prosperity gospel leaves the churches vulnerable to accepting a corrupted gospel. Pray for the Arise Africa team lead by Megan Bloemker as they seek to serve the large population of at-risk children in this nation struggling with poverty and the impact of the AIDS crisis. Pray for PCPC's efforts to help the Taongo school and to plant mature churches.

FEBRUARY 4

Pray for Central Africa

The Congo and Angola typify the deep conflict of this region in the world. Pray for ongoing efforts for peace and stability in these war-torn nations, which are largely Christianized. Pray that churches would rise from the ashes to faithfully offer the peace of Christ. Pray for opportunities to reach Congolese refugees in Dallas who have fled civil war. Pray also for international students at SMU we know from Angola.

FEBRUARY 5

Pray for East Africa

Few parts of the world have sustained as much trauma in recent years as East Africa, especially nations in the Northeast of the continent. Many of the refugees we hear about on the news are from this part of the world. It includes countries like Eritrea, Sudan, and Somalia. Other nations in this region like Kenya and Ethiopia provide hope for the region since they have stabilized after a period of significant and similar difficulties. Pray for this region of the world that teeters on the edge of upheaval. Pray for godly and unselfish leadership. Pray also for the opportunities we have in Dallas to be ministers of the gospel to people from these nations through international students, ESL, and refugee ministry. Pray also for Lee Jagers and his wife Sonia who have a heart for East Africa and have trained leaders in the region. Pray for Lee as he continues to fight Lymphoma.

FEBRUARY 6

Pray for Europe

Christians in Europe who truly believe and follow God are likely less than three-percent of the continent. Europe is diverse, ranging from nations like Spain with its long Christian history, to nations like Azerbaijan with a long history as a Muslim nation. There are many reasons to praise God for gospel advances in Europe, especially in the East, as well many challenges for prayer as Christianity has declined in the West. Pray for the church to remain faithful to the scriptures and to remain faithful to proclaim the good news to this generation. Pray in faith that the decline will not continue. There are many encouraging signs that it will not. Pray also for opportunities we have at PCPC to reach Europeans who are in Dallas for jobs and for study. Pray for relationships we have with students from Spain, Slovakia, Belarus, and Azerbaijan.

FEBRUARY 7

Pray for Latin America

Latin America is a very diverse part of the world. Recent years have brought much trouble as poverty and class struggles continue to stir up conflict. Of course, the church in Latin America is a cause for praise as well. Pray that these churches would grow deep in their understanding of scripture and wide in their vision for the world. Pray that Latin American would continue to grow in its capacity to send missionaries, especially to the Muslim world. Pray for peace in nations where poverty and unrest are weighing greatly on the people. Pray also for PCPC's ministry to people who are coming from this part of the world. Our ESL ministry serves people from El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, and Chile, who have come to flee conflict. There are international students at SMU from Chile, Venezuela, and Brazil that need our prayers as well.

FEBRUARY 8

Pray for The Middle East

The Middle East has traditionally been a region very closed to missionary work. Please pray for the persecuted church in this region. Pray that God would use either instability or stability, depending on the nation, to extend His Kingdom here. He is at work in this region. In recent times, God is bringing people from this part of the world to our doorstep in unprecedented numbers. They come from the home of Islam to the Bible belt. Pray for numerous efforts among Muslim international students from places like Saudi Arabia, Jordan, UAE, Lebanon, and Turkey, as well as refugees from Yemen.

FEBRUARY 9

Pray for North Africa

Like much of the Middle East, North Africa used to be a hub for Christianity. Today however, North Africa is largely Muslim. However, oppressed minority groups are turning to Jesus in unprecedented numbers. Praise be to God. The spiritual soil of the region remains very hard and will remain that way without prayer. Pray for the Lord to use recent freedom movements to open doors for gospel proclamation more broadly in society. Pray for protection of Christians, especially in regions seeing the influence of ISIL. Pray also for the North African international students from Egypt and Libya who are attending SMU, that they would be receptive to gospel friendships.

FEBRUARY 10

Pray for South Asia

South Asia has three of the top five largest Muslim nations in the world. Pakistan, India, and Bangladesh fall just behind Indonesia in total Muslim population. In terms of percentage of the population, Afghanistan is number three in the world with 99.8% of the population being Muslim. South Asia is easily the least reached region in the world. Many nations in South Asia are attempting to close the door to the gospel even tighter, making it illegal to evangelize or convert from Islam. This makes reaching the diaspora from this region even more important. Please pray for PCPC's ministry to international students from Bangladesh and Pakistan, as well as to refugees from Afghanistan. Pray for the Presbyterian Church of Bangladesh, which is boldly proclaiming Jesus and seeing much fruit.

FEBRUARY 11

Pray for West Africa

West Africa is spiritually and physically thirsty. Pray for life-giving rain to come to this region where the church is under pressure from Islam and poverty. Pray for peace in the region. A food crisis made it difficult to handle a large influx of refugees. Pray for emerging church movements, that they will grow deep and wide in faith and bring many Muslims into the fold. Pray against any growth of radical Islam that would threaten the church and stability. Pray for Rick and Donna

Buddemeier who are training African missionaries to cross literal and cultural boundaries to preach the gospel in this region. Pray also for the international students at SMU from the Ivory Coast and Nigeria, that they would be receptive to the ministry of RUF International.

FEBRUARY 12

Pray today for missionaries you know who aren't supported by PCPC.

FEBRUARY 13

Pray today for a nation that the Lord lays on your heart. It can be a nation that has already been covered or another nation.

FEBRUARY 14

Review the other days of prayer and pray for the nations as you are lead.

"Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession." Psalm 2:8

*Last names omitted for security

**Some prayers summarized using Operation World. Pick up a copy of Operation World from the PCPC Bookstore if you wish to pray more specifically for each country and region

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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And the Word became flesh and dwelt
among us, and we beheld His glory,
glory as of the only Son from the
Father, full of grace and truth.

JOHN 1:14 (KJV)

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