

**Grow,
Pray,
and
Study Guide.**



Prayers For The Week

Monday: God of Israel, you blessed your chosen people, even when they turned away. Give me the wisdom and strength to be a messenger of your peace. Amen.

Tuesday: Yahweh, you are good to me. I can never repay all of my blessings. Give me the wisdom and strength to be a messenger of your peace. Amen.

Wednesday: Messiah, give me eyes to see the beauty of your world. Give me the wisdom and strength to be a messenger of your peace. Amen.

Thursday: Jesus, you see my sins but do not hold them against me. Help me to treat your children as you do to me. Give me the wisdom and strength to be a messenger of your peace. Amen.

Friday: Redeemer, my life is nothing without you. Others need to know your goodness. Give me the wisdom and strength to be a messenger of your peace. Amen.

November 4th is Work Day.

It is time to demonstrate your fruitfulness

October 15, 2017

Notes: today I pray



Invite a friend to Sunday School and services on Sunday or Monday! Check in on Facebook.

Study Guide October 15, 2017

Monday October 9th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Exodus 32:1-14 I do not like to fault people when I haven't experienced their lives. However, the Israelites could have had a little more faith in Moses and God! In their fear they turned to something tangible, substantive, and not their God. I question their understanding of the goodness of Yahweh.

Question: Are they different from humans today? How often do we put our faith in the wrong things? How often do we challenge God?

Tuesday October 10th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Psalm 106:1-6 The psalmist celebrates the good that God has blessed the Israelites with. Verse 2 poses the question: is anyone fully capable of praising all of the good that God has done for us? He asks that God remembers him in the end when he comes to judgement.

Question: Do you have the courage to ask God to bless you? How worthy are you of his blessings?

Wednesday October 11th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Matthew 22:1-14 Another parable about an unhappy king who is a metaphor for the world and God's people. Just as the king sent messengers, early prophets were murdered. The king's son, Jesus, was murdered by those around him, who should have known better. God's chosen people were invited but refused the invitation. We are the poor on the street corners; the Gentiles who received the second invitation.

Question: How do you serve in the vineyard? Can you see the connection between the parable and our world today?

Thursday October 12th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Psalm 106:19-232 It is never easy to write down your sins, to list them one by one. However, the psalmist unflinchingly confessed the wrongs the Israelites showed to God. He acknowledged the courage that it took for Moses to stand in the breach to defend Israel.

Question: Perhaps it is time to acknowledge your wrongs? No one has to see it, but take a few moments to honestly acknowledge your faults against God.

Friday October 13th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Philippians 4:1-9 Paul, as always, encourages the new church to work together as one body in faith and in Christ. He is a cheerleader for Christian living and evangelism. Verses 8 and 9 ask each of us to look to the best of the world and each other and to live with that perspective. And he closes by wishing the peace of God on his readers. I wish you all God's peace.

Question: Is it always easy to see the beauty of creation, including in our fellow beings? It is, perhaps, the best way to look at our lives. Is there anything more you can ask for other than the peace of God?

Today is Children's Sabbath, established by the Children's Defense Fund. The purpose of Children's Sabbath observance is social advocacy for the needs of children throughout this nation.

If you have any questions or if there is something in your heart, please ask Pastor Bob, Donna T., Joe H., or Liz G. We are ready to serve.

