

Grow,
Pray,
and
Study Guide.

Prayers For The Week



Monday: Father God, you blessed our church with young people who have committed to growing their faith. Let me be a guide for them. Amen

Tuesday: Jesus, in confirmation we promise to support the confirmands, the church, and each other for your sake. Let me be a support them. Amen.

Wednesday: Holy Spirit, don't let me get tired of working with our young people for your kingdom. Let me be an example to them. Amen.

Thursday: God of our children, make sure I always treasure the young ones around me. Let me never be too old to love them. Amen.

Friday: God of our future, your promise for the future lives in all of our children. Let me help them to see their own value. Amen.

Focus your prayers this week on our confirmation class.
Lift them up in prayer and praise.

October 22, 2017

Notes: today I pray



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

Study Guide October 22, 2017

Monday October 23rd (I took time to pray today)

Read: 1 Timothy 4:12 Chosen by our confirmands, this verse is intended by Paul to encourage and strengthen all young believers. In faith, as in so many others aspects of life, those who claim to be more mature, wiser, and more experienced in life denigrate what the younger generation has to offer. We cannot. Youth look at the world without the bitterness and cynicism of experience.

Question: How can we, as a church, support and strengthen our future leaders? This is not a rhetorical question: what can you do for them?

Tuesday October 24th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Matthew 22:15-22 It is not unkind to think that the Pharisees should have learned they cannot make Jesus look bad—Jesus is goodness itself. They sent minions to ask Jesus if it is OK to pay taxes to Caesar. Recognizing the challenge, he asked who was inscribed on the coin. “Caesar” was the response. “Give to Caesar what is his and to God what is God’s.” They left with no response.

Question: Do you give God his due? Or do you focus on what the world wants?

Wednesday October 25th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Psalm 99 The psalmist, as usual, starts with praises for God. He lists some ‘heroes of the faith’ for us all. He closes by speaking directly to God, praising and exalting him.

Question: Why does the psalmist so often follow this pattern? How would your prayer life change if this was your prayer pattern?

Thursday October 26th (I took time to pray today)

Read: 1 Thessalonians 1 Paul loves his fellow believers. He always lifts them up to God’s love in prayerful thanksgiving. Paul acknowledges the work they had already done and all that they had endured, possibly even at Paul’s own hands.

Question: When was the last time you told someone that they were a blessing to you from God? Is there someone you can tell it to?

Friday October 27th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Isaiah 41:10 Our confirmation class of 2017 also chose this verse from Isaiah. We all need to be reminded that God leaves us. Even in our most solitary moments, God is holding onto us in the face of all that may harm us.

Question: What other verse can you recommend to the confirmands? Where do you find encouragement and solace?

This week we promised to support the confirmation class of 2017. It cannot be a hollow promise; this must be heartfelt. Spend time this week in quiet prayer asking God for guidance so that you can help these young people grow in God’s light.

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.

