

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

Prayers For The Week



Monday: Jesus, my brother, you treasure the little ones, seeing the great promise in each one. Let me love your children enough to improve their lives. Amen.

Tuesday: Holy Spirit, open my heart to all of our children. Let me love your children enough to improve their lives. Amen.

Wednesday: Holy Father, my future is with your children. Let me love all of our children enough to improve their lives. Amen.

Thursday: God, give me strength to work for justice and peace for the children in our communities, nation, and world. Let me love your children enough to improve their lives. Amen.

Friday: Holy One, help me to keep our children from hunger, homelessness, and fear. Let me love your children enough to improve their lives. Amen.

Today the United Methodist Church observes the Children's Sabbath. Treasure them.

October 8, 2017

Notes: today I pray



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

Study Guide October 8, 2017

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

Read: Exodus 20:1-4 This is the introduction to the 10 Commandments. The prophet affirms the deity of God in the very first verse. “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. “ There can be no doubt of Israel’s deliverer. The very next verse: “You shall have no other gods before^[a] me.” And the debt owed to God is without question.

Question: Who do you put in front of God in your life? What cost does it come with?

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

Read: Philippians 3:4-14 Paul repeats the things that he did as a faithful Jewish man would have done, circumcision, but adds that he persecuted Christian full of fire in his heart. In his new found faith in Christ, Paul becomes equally zealous in evangelizing and serving the risen Redeemer. Paul promises to “press on” for Christ.

Question: How would you have reacted to Paul? Would you be able to trust this man who has persecuted your fellow Christians? Is Paul the ultimate example of God’s forgiveness?

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

Read: Matthew 21: 33-41 This parable of Jesus is one of a father’s love and loss. The vineyard is earth. The father is God and, of course, the son is Jesus. Early prophets and John the Baptist were killed by unbelievers and the murdered servants are their representatives.

Question: Can you think of examples of parables being used in our world today? If you were to rewrite this one for 2017, how would it be?

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

Read: Matthew 21: 42-46 Jesus always makes the teachers of the law nervous. He frightened them with his wisdom and acute awareness of the meaning of God’s word. Jesus quotes the OT message about the rejection of the Messiah. They were afraid of what he knew and terrified of who he really is.

Question: In your opinion, why do the Pharisees keep testing Jesus? What is it that they think they can do against the Power of God?

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

Read: Psalm 19 David celebrates the goodness of God and the justness of God’s laws, proclaiming them to be more valuable than gold. He sings God’s praises, opening this psalm by explaining just how all of heaven sings praise to God day and night. David knew he was a sinner but he praised the laws of God!

Question: When was the last time you praised the speed limit sign after you got a ticket? That is what David is doing. He knows his actions have been questionable, at the very least, but he doesn’t hesitate to praise the goodness of God. Would you?

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.

