

Grow,
Pray,
and
Study Guide.

Prayers For The Week



Monday: God of all creation, when I was lost you never left my side. I know you would never turn your back. I want to obey you and ensure that our children know of your goodness. Amen.

Tuesday: Jesus, you keep me safe but I still have so much to learn. I want to obey you and ensure that our children know of your goodness. Amen.

Wednesday: Holy Father, you've protected your people from our very beginnings. I want to obey you and ensure that our children know of your goodness. Amen.

Thursday: Messiah, some day I will meet you face to face. I want to be ready for resurrection and everlasting life. I want to obey you and ensure that our children know of your goodness. Amen.

Friday: Savior, I am your servant. You lead me through good times and bad but you never abandon me. I need to serve you. I want to obey you and ensure that our children know of your goodness. Amen.

As we observe Laity Sunday, it is time to step up and serve.

November 12, 2017

Notes: today I pray



Reach out to a friend to come to Sunday School and services on Sunday or Monday! Check in on Facebook when you are here.

Study Guide November 12, 2017

Monday November 13th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Joshua 24:1-3 Joshua has finished Moses' journey by leading the Israelites to their new promised land. In this short passage he is sharing God's message, recounting the safety and service that God provided to Abraham and all who followed him.

Question: How frustrated would you be if you were in God's place? How many times do people need to hear their history to understand its value?

Tuesday November 14th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Joshua 24:14-25 It is shocking that these people, who saw God's power, routinely weakened and doubted in him. Joshua, angered by their faithlessness, commands them to choose who they will honor and serve. He tells them that God will turn against them for their poor behaviors. Frightened, the Israelites choose the God of their fathers.

Question: Are you a slow learner like the Israelites? Does fear motivate you to accomplish what you must or to choose to do the right thing? Do you hesitate to serve God?

Wednesday November 15th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Psalm 78:1-7 The psalmist again reflects on the teaching of God's word. He is telling us that we are responsible to our God to ensure that our children know the Creator and Redeemer so that we can never turn away.

Question: Why does the psalmist stress the importance of teaching our children about our God? How would the children in your life benefit from this information?

Thursday November 16th (I took time to pray today)

Read: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Paul shares the promise of the resurrection for all believers—those who have died before Jesus returns to earth and for those who still live. Paul instructs us all to support each other in our faith so we will be able to join him in heaven eternally.

Question: What do you, yourself, do to personally encourage the people around you in your faith? How do you encourage others to grow in their personal faith walk?

Friday November 17th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Matthew 25:1-13 This passage carries a profound message—we don't know the time we have left on this earth. It is our nature to believe we will always have one more chance. The virgins in this parable are each and every one of us. Needless to say, Christ is the bridegroom. When Jesus returns as he will, according to yesterday's reading, we must be ready to meet him, without hesitation or reservation. We must be ready.

Question: Are you ready to meet your maker? What will he say when you are face to face?

As we prepare for the season of holidays and family celebrations, where will you put God in your life? Will you hold the promises you made when you became a member of the United Methodist Church—and renewed with every confirmation class and baptism? Or will you allow your life to go along with no effort or attention dedicated to living as a Christian?

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.