

Grow,
Pray,
and
Study Guide.

Prayers For The Week



Monday: Redeemer King, as we prepare for your arrival, help us to remember that you will come again. Give me a heart to thank God for everyone I meet. Amen.

Tuesday: Jehovah, you continue to love us, even when we don't deserve it. You bless me daily. Give me a heart to thank God for everyone I meet. Amen.

Wednesday: Holy Father, I want to live a life pleasing to you and to stop disappointing you. I want to share your love. Give me a heart to thank God for everyone I meet. Amen.

Thursday: God of Israel, you have given all of us signs of your life and love. Keep my eyes open and focused on you. Give me a heart to thank God for everyone I meet. Amen.

Friday: Merciful Redeemer, there is no way that I can thank you for all you have given me, except to share the love I have received from you. Give me a heart to thank God for everyone I meet. Amen.

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December 3, 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 December 3, 2017

Monday December 4th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Mark 13:24-37 It seems odd, in this Season of Advent, to be looking at the second coming of the King. However, that is the purpose of Christmas—to make the King known to all of the world—so that we can learn to live according to our duty and ability to honor God.

Question: Do you ever think about the end of days? If and when you do, how do you react emotionally?

Tuesday December 5th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Isaiah 64:1-9 The writer, just as the psalmist, begins this passage by acknowledging the greatness, power, and majesty of our God. For me the most profound message is verse 8. We are created by God's hands; there is no other creator. The acknowledgement that we are nothing without him is humbling deep within my soul.

Question: Why do humans still believe that we are wise enough to do things on our own? How can we learn to lean on the Creator of all things?

Wednesday December 6th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Psalm 80:1-7 It is the old familiar theme: the psalmist confesses to the wrongs the people of Israel have done against God. How many times can anyone plead for forgiveness and expect to receive it? How sad must God's heart have been?

Question: Isn't it human nature to do dumb things—and expect to get away with them? Why? How can each of us personally improve our lives and existence by living a life pleasing to God?

Thursday December 7th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Psalm 80:17-19 Why does the psalmist persist in making promise after promise that Israel will be faithful? The man that is raised up will be the marker that God is listening and Israel will rest in that assurance. Or will they?

Question: Do you ask God for signs? Why does any human think he or she deserves signs from God about anything?

Friday December 8th (I took time to pray today)

Read: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 This is simply entitled "Thanksgiving" in the NIV. The calm and steady assurance Paul rests in regarding his fellow believers is a great comfort. Reread this passage slowly but understand that Paul is writing it to you. He is grateful for all you do for the Lord and he is confident that God is with you all.

Question: Is it strange to read a letter from Paul as a personal letter to you? Is it reasonable to think that words from 2 millennia ago continue to be relevant in your life? Are they?

Prayer is an important part of a life of faith. It provides a connection between you and your Lord. Pray for the things that worry you; things you love; things you want to nurture. Do NOT forget to say prayers of gratitude. Remember to pray for Bensalem United Methodist Church; your neighborhood; the state, nation, and world.

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.