

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



Notes: today I pray

**Prayers For The Week**

**Monday:** God, as I start this week, walk with me. Guide me and keep my feet on the right path. Amen.

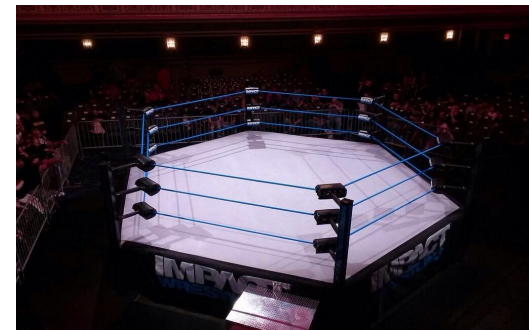
**Tuesday:** Holy Spirit. You empower me to serve my God. Give me the courage to do so. Guide me and keep my feet on the right path. Amen.

**Wednesday:** Christ, you chose to follow your father's instructions. I need to follow your example. Guide me and keep my feet on the right path. Amen.

**Thursday:** Holy Father, as life becomes difficult and I feel overwhelmed, please give me the strength to do your will. Guide me and keep my feet on the right path. Amen.

**Friday:** God, I thank you for the many, many blessings you have poured out on me. Guide me and keep my feet on the right path. Amen.

**August 6, 2017**



**Bring a friend Sunday or Monday to share God's Light. Check in on Facebook.**

## Study Guide August 13, 2017

**Monday August 14th** (I took time to pray today )

**Read: Psalm 17:1-7, 15** This is a perfect passage for a Monday. Mortal humans often feel that God is letting others test us. We feel put-upon and burdened by so many things, and probably we are right. But God is with us. He knows our thoughts and fears. He guides us in our faith walk.

**Question:** Is it difficult to stay true to God's teaching for you? Why do the people who surround us want to let us fall? What will they accomplish as they try to weaken us?

**Tuesday Aug 15th** (I took time to pray today )

**Read: Romans 9:1-5** It was not easy for Paul as he walked on his faith journey. Well-versed in the Jewish faith, scriptures, and traditions, he could see and understand the gift of the Messiah. However, he anguished over their rejection of Jesus the Messiah. He fully understood what that rejection would cost them.

**Question:** When you look around your neighborhood and nation, what do you see? Do you see people of faith—or people who have turned their backs on the Messiah? Are you moved to save them? Do you move to save them?

**Wednesday Aug 16th** (I took time to pray today )

**Read: Matthew 14:13-21** While the lives of the apostles were difficult, Christ's life must have been shockingly hard. Even when he tried to have time to himself, he could not. People followed him everywhere, making demands on him. Yet he did the impossible—with a few fish and a little bread he fed a multitude of people. In his kingdom there is plenty for all of us—he is willing to provide.

**Question:** We are not to sit and not serve his kingdom. The apostles served the bread; what can you do to serve? How are you called to feed his children?

**Thursday Aug 17th** (I took time to pray today )

**Read: Genesis 32:22-31** Jacob has not had an easy time for many years. While traveling with his wives, he is accosted by a strange man who wrestled with him until daybreak. Neither man would yield. As the sun came up, the stranger touched Jacob and pulled his hip from the socket.

**Question:** How often do you stay up all night worrying, wrestling with problems that would best be given up to God? Why do you stubbornly refuse to stop worrying?

**Friday Aug 18th** (I took time to pray today )

**Reread: Genesis 32:22-31** As you read focus on verses 26-31. The stranger asks that Jacob release him, but Jacob demands a blessing. The stranger demands to know Jacob's name. Then he tells Jacob, "You are no longer Jacob but Israel because you have wrestled with God and with humans, and have overcome."

**Question:** How has God blessed you? Jacob was blessed and allowed to live, even after seeing God, face to face. How do you thank him for caring enough for you?

*We should all follow the lessons of the apostles; it is our responsibility to stand for God. How do you serve him? Perhaps you are not sure of your special area of ministry. God has given you a gift for service. It is time for self-discovery. It is time to step up for your God.*

*As you pray this week, it is time to pray for the future of Bensalem United Methodist Church. Jesus told us that the harvest is waiting for the workers. You and I are the workers. We cannot shirk our duty to our God. Ask for guidance for you giving of your time, your talents, and your treasure. Ask Joe H., Liz G., or Pastor Bob to support and walk with you as you discover your calling.*