

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



Prayers For The Week

Monday: Father of Abraham, I trust you with my love, peace, and future. I want to tell everyone that our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of Heaven and Earth. Amen.

Tuesday: Messiah, you are the son of the living God and my hope is in you. I want to tell everyone that our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of Heaven and Earth. Amen.

Wednesday: God of Israel, you blessed us all by your gifts and grace. I want to tell everyone that our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of Heaven and Earth. Amen.

Thursday: Jesus, help me to live my life to please you. I want to tell everyone that our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of Heaven and Earth. Amen.

Friday: Father, I know you have called me to serve you. I know you will help me with all that I need in your service. I want to tell everyone that our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of Heaven and Earth. Amen.

August 27, 2017

Notes: today I pray



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

Study Guide August 27, 2017

Monday August 28th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Exodus 1:8-2:10 Pharaoh knew that an oppressed people will always rise up. He was afraid of the growing numbers and strength of Israel. His solution was to kill all of the boys born. God-fearing women saw the sin and did not comply with the orders. Even Pharaoh's own daughter disagreed and adopted Moses, an unknown Hebrew child.

Question: God blesses us, even when we disobey him. Do you have the courage it took the midwives to stand up to Pharaoh? Do any of us have the courage to stand up for God?

Tuesday Aug 29th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Matthew 16:13-20 Peter is the foundation of our faith. He was a hot-headed, impulsive man but his faith was solid. When Jesus asks him a specific question, he answered honestly, "You are the Messiah, son of the living God." Jesus's honors Peter's response by granting the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Question: Can you be Peter, proudly proclaiming Jesus as Messiah? If not, what makes you afraid? How can the church help you overcome your fear?

Wednesday Aug 30th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Psalm 124 The psalmist, again, acknowledges all that the Lord has done for Israel. While we may not be descendants of the Chosen People, we have benefitted from their blessings.

Question: I admit I ask this frequently: can you name all of your blessings? How has God stood by you and protected you?

Thursday Aug 31st (I took time to pray today)

Read: Romans 12:1-2 Paul tells us that our lives and the way we live them need to reflect our love for God. We are called to treat ourselves as a people worthy of sacrificing ourselves to the living God.

Question: Did you ever consider that taking care of your health as another way to worship God? How can you incorporate this into your regular personal worship?

Friday September 1st (I took time to pray today)

Read: Roman 12:3-8 We are called to serve as equal members of the body of Christ in both faith and service. There is no doubt that we are each called to serve in our own way. There is equally no doubt that we are all called to serve—and never to stay on the side lines.

Question: Where are you called to work for God? Are you comfortable with the term "servant"? Please open your heart to the word—Jesus called us to serve.

Summer is almost over and we soon will be back to the September to June routine. In these last few weeks of summer, take some time outside (if it ever stops raining long enough) to sit quietly with our God. He wants to hear from you.

Explore the resources offered for study and spiritual growth at UMCdiscipleship.org or talk to Joe, Liz, Donna, or Pastor Bob to step out and step up in faith.

