

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

Prayers For The Week



Monday: God, let me follow your instructions every day of my life. Help me to love my neighbor in all that I do. Amen.

Tuesday: Lord, my life needs to reflect the love you have for me. Give me the strength I need. Help me to love my neighbor in all that I do. Amen.

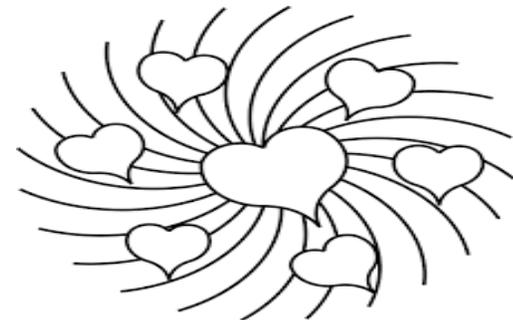
Wednesday: Christ, my King, let me live in peace and harmony with my brothers and sisters. Help me to love my neighbor in all that I do. Amen.

Thursday: Jesus, I worry that I am not worthy of your love and sacrifice. I want to follow your commandment. Help me to love my neighbor in all that I do. Amen.

Friday: Redeemer, thank you for walking with me this week. Give me courage to serve you and, perhaps most importantly, help me to love my neighbor in all that I do. Amen.

September 10, 2017

Notes: today I pray



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

Study Guide for the Week of September 10, 2017

Monday Sept. 11th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Exodus 12:1-14 This passage has very specific instructions for the people of Israel, one of responsibility and promise. God gives instructions regarding the plague that he will send on Egypt and even more explicit instructions on avoiding the catastrophe that he promised to Egypt. The chosen people of God would be saved.

Question: Have you ever questioned why we need to do certain things or participate in our faith in certain ways? God's instructions are meant to help us in our lives; so why do we balk at them?

Tuesday Sept 12th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Psalm 119:33-40 The psalmist is asking for God to grant him understanding and strength in his faith. He acknowledges that the things God expects of us are good and righteousness is key to our lives.

Question: Do you take time to ask the Holy Spirit to make one of God's commands clear to you? We need to grasp the opportunities that the Holy Spirit provides for us, but do you?

Wednesday Sept 13th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Matthew 18:15-20 We are all just humans. Because of our mere humanity there are times that we clash or do other things that aren't very "Christian", right? This passage tells us how to handle our differences as members of the body of Christ. It is not easy but it ensures fairness.

Question: Why do members of a church body get into disagreements? Is there a way to handle these clashes without damaging the Bride of Christ?

Thursday Sept 14th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Psalm 149 This psalm takes an interesting twist. We begin by praising God, by rejoicing with singing and dancing. We are to exult in God's glory! Then we reach verse 6: Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands to execute vengeance on the nations... Follow God; follow his words, and don't stray. As described, the punishment is harsh.

Question: Is your image of God one of the loving father or the vengeful ruler? How can you accept both perspectives?

Friday September 15th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Romans 13:8-14 Perhaps these are the verses that some people who are Christian don't understand. They tell us exactly how we are to live with one another. We are not to cheat, to murder, to steal, or covet; that is simple. The key to verse 9 is "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love is the key to faith in Jesus; not judgement, or jealousy, or envy; only love.

Question: Isn't it amazing that faith in Christ is summed up in five words? Admittedly, it is not easy to love people we don't like, but isn't living as a Christian a special purpose?

Pray, this week, pray very hard for our church, for all Christians, for all of your neighbors, and for all of God's children. Pray that BUMC finds stability and peace within our family. If life in faith is difficult, please ask for support. We are here for you. Don't hesitate to ask Pastor Bob, Joe H., Donna T., or Liz G if you have any questions. We will do our best to answer. If we don't know, we will work together to find the answers you seek.

**See You Sunday Morning at 9:30 am in
Sunday School!**

