

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

Prayers For The Week



Monday: God of Moses, I want to turn to you when I am afraid. Help me to help others seek your face. Amen.

Tuesday: Deliverer, I want to remember to praise you in the morning and at night. I want to teach others what you have done. Help me to help others seek your face. Amen.

Wednesday: Messiah, you rescued your children and you've rescued me. Help me to help others seek your face. Amen.

Thursday: Christ Jesus, you have taught me the right way. I need to share your way. Help me to help others seek your face. Amen.

Friday: Judge, you called me to serve your kingdom. You equipped me to follow you and to lead others in your way. Help me to help others seek your face. Amen.

Take a few minutes this week to read Psalm 78. It is an alternative reading in the lectionary. It is a retelling of the journey of Israel, full of beautiful words and deep meaning. It is worth your time.

September 24, 2017

Notes: today I pray



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

Study Guide the Week of September 24, 2017

Monday Sept. 24th (I took time to pray today)
Read: Exodus 16:2-15 Some people just like to complain, don't they? In the pilgrimage away from Egypt, we cannot fault the refugees for being frightened of the unknown, of being hungry and thirsty, and just being afraid. I admit that I would be. However, they grumble so much the noise reaches to heaven. God, for some reason, feels that he must prove his love; he feeds them morning and night. God cares directly for them. They have the benefit of actually seeing his words come to fruition.

Question: What happens when you are afraid of the unknown? Do you put God to the test and demand that he show a sign of love or do you just sit afraid in a corner? What do you do?

Tuesday Sept 25th (I took time to pray today)
Read: Psalm 105:1-6 Many of us are comforted by the psalms. Bible students always seem to have a favorite psalm for comfort. That is the joy that comes with studying God's words. Give praise to God for all of his blessings. Remember the good things he has done for us all!

Question: Are you a "glass half full" or a "glass half empty" person? Why? Do you need to reorder your perspectives or grow in the positives?

Wednesday Sept 26th (I took time to pray today)
Read: Psalm 105:37-45 The psalmist can easily share the good news of God's goodness to Israel. He celebrates the blessings. The escape from Egypt is put to a song of praise.

Question: How do you celebrate the blessings you have? What are your greatest joys? Write them down and say prayers of gratitude every day this week.

Thursday Sept 27th (I took time to pray today)
Read: Philippians 1:21-30 Paul poses a difficult choice: which is better—to live and spread the Gospel or to die and live with God in heaven. He cautions us that we must live in the best way to support the Gospel. It isn't easy, but it is right.

Question: Do you ever ask the same question Paul does? My trust is that God knows what is best for me. *But* how can we live to reflect Christ? That is our challenge.

Friday September 28th (I took time to pray today)
Read: Matthew 20:1-16 This parable is told casting God as the landowner. He calls people to work for him for an entire day. Throughout the day he hires others to work until the end of the day. Each group is promised the same wage. At the end of the day the ones who worked the longest are annoyed to think they would not receive a bonus. God keeps his promise to us all without qualifications.

Question: We love the song that sings "still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now." The truth is that we will all receive what God has promised. Just because you are nicer than anyone else doesn't mean that you will get a nicer seat at the throne of God.

*Choose the right answer:
God tells me to work for his people.
God loves me and forgives me, no matter what.
God's words are sent to comfort me.
All of the above.*

The correct answer is D. If you aren't sure how to figure everything out, please ask Pastor Bob, Donna T., Joe H., or Liz G. We are ready to serve.

