

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



Prayers For The Week

Monday: Holy God, I want to be the person you see in me. Help me to overcome those who would do evil with your love. Help me to always be joyful and hopeful in you. Amen.

Tuesday: Lord, you are my God. Let me be faithful and exuberant in my service to you. Help me to always be joyful and hopeful in you. Amen.

Wednesday: God of Israel, let me welcome your people however they may come to me. Strike any conceit from my heart. Help me to always be joyful and hopeful in you. Amen.

Thursday: Holy Spirit, you see and know all that we do. Let me find the good in all of your people. Help me to always be joyful and hopeful in you. Amen.

Friday: Messiah, do not let me judge others. Take any vengeance from my heart. Let me live a life of service to you. Help me to always be joyful and hopeful in you. Amen.

September 3, 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 3, 2017

Monday Sept. 4th (I took time to pray today)
Read: Romans 12:9-13 Jesus only taught the value of love and faith. These verses are a mini-lesson on building up the church family. In Paul's message to the Romans he stresses the value of loving each other and to love God sincerely and deeply. We must serve God faithfully, earnestly, passionately. While "Practice Hospitality" seems to be missing zealously, it is at the very heart of preaching the Gospel to all.

Question: How do you serve God? Are you passive or passionate in your love and service to God? If you are passive, it may be time to be introspective.

Tuesday Sept 5th (I took time to pray today)
Read: Matthew 16:21-28 Peter loves Jesus. He has followed him faithfully for 3 years. Isn't it reasonable that Peter says that Jesus mustn't die? But Jesus tells him he is wrong. Jesus tells him—and us—that the choice to follow him is not an easy one, but it is the only decision to make. It is the choice between eternal life with Christ or eternal life without him.

Question: Do you want Peter to be your friend? Or would you struggle with his impulsiveness? Does his steadfastness inspire your confidence?

Wednesday Sept 6th (I took time to pray today)
Read: Exodus 3:1-15 Moses was a good and faithful follower of the Lord. How awe-struck he was to be in the presence of the living God! The Lord entrusted Moses with the future of his people. The key elements in the passage is the promise that God himself will not leave Moses, if Moses follows him.

Question: What has God entrusted you with? You are called to work for him—you personally—not just the other guy! What are the good and important things you can do when you follow the Lord?

Thursday Sept 7th (I took time to pray today)
Read: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b Once again the psalmist sings praises to what the Lord has done for the people of Israel. In verses 23-26, he recounts how the leaders of Israel followed God's commands to establish the nation and the good that God did for them.

Question: Can you say you followed God the way the leaders of Israel did? What holds you back?

Friday September 8th (I took time to pray today)
Read: Roman 12:4-21 We cannot hesitate to love those around us, even when we don't like them. Each person is God's own. We cannot act with evil intentions, revenge, pride, or any other way that will hurt the Kingdom of God. Personally, I have always believed that Good will triumph. However, it cannot win without our help.

Question: Why is wanting paybacks so enticing? Can we act as the Army of God, getting evil out of world? What can you do?

Just as school has started for our kids, it is time for us to start back to studying our faith. Next week be sure that you bring your children to Sunday School. Most importantly, set the example for your children! Attend the adult Sunday School class or join our New Members class. It is the next step in any faith journey. Any questions: please reach out to Pastor Bob, Donna T, Joe H, or Liz G.

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

