



GOBIN CHURCH
A United Methodist Community for All

DAILY PRAYER MEDITATIONS
August 24-29, 2020

Saturday, August 29, 2020

Matthew 8:14-17 <https://tinyurl.com/y2dhwdgj>

PONDER

Jesus' physical healings fulfilled the Old Testament words of Isaiah (53:4). Jesus touches Peter's mother-in-law but only speaks a word to cast out demons and heal the sick. The two forms of healing in these verses remind us that healing takes on many forms. From doctors to prayer, from medicines and vaccines to laughter and self-awareness, God the Holy Healer is in all situations. Our full attention makes us a conduit for restoration when healing is needed.

PRAYER

God, help me be an instrument of healing today. Thank you.
Amen

ACTION

Reach out to someone who is in need of healing.

Monday, August 24, 2020

Romans 2:1-11 <https://tinyurl.com/y2kykdz6>

PONDER

We are all accountable before God. Even the small things matter. Judging others can begin with small things like make fun of someone's clothing or how they walk or where they live. In doing so, we condemn ourselves. Our actions have to manifest what we believe as Christians. The choices we make before God bring either salvation or destruction. God does not have favorites – our actions and the condition of our hearts are what matter to God.

PRAYER

God, help me remember You are the only judge. You and You alone offer eternal life. Do not let me separate myself from You by judging others. Thank You. Amen

ACTION

Apologize to someone you have judged, even if it's a small thing.

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Romans 11:33-36 <https://tinyurl.com/yxt7y6w5>

PONDER

God's mystery and wisdom are deep. Searching seems to only bring more questions. At the same time, searching leads us deeper into the mystery. Have you ever tried to track an animal in the snow? The path isn't always predictable, the signs disappear and when we look up after losing the trail, we hope we know where we are. To seek God is to seek the mystery of Holy Presence living. Praise be to God!

PRAYER

God of mystery and revelation, show me enough to keep me close. May your praise be on my lips always. Thank you. Amen

ACTION

Ask God what truth God has for you today.

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

Matthew 26:6-13 <https://tinyurl.com/y5flt5jb>

PONDER

After an hours-long four-wheeler ride on gravel country roads, my hair, clothes and even my eyelashes were covered in dust. My hair was stiff and all I could think about was a shower. This was Jesus as he traveled the countryside. A woman with a jar of expensive ointment poured it on Jesus' head, and he called it "a good thing." How often we forget that when we offer God our very best in possessions and actions, God calls it "a good thing." When we give our best thoughts, our tithes, our trust to God without grumbling, it's "a good thing" in the eyes of Him who gave His best – His Son Jesus – so that we would know eternal life.

PRAYER

God, thank You for opportunities to remember this woman's actions as she took the first step in preparing Jesus for burial. May we offer our best for the one who gave his life for our salvation. Thank you. Amen

ACTION

Donate a bottle of shampoo to a homeless shelter, the non-food pantry, someone in need, remembering the sacrifice of the woman with the alabaster jar.

Thursday, August 27, 2020

Psalm 105:1-6 <https://tinyurl.com/yyvwe2ck>

PONDER

This psalm is a sacred history psalm, recounting God's guidance of Israel and God's faithful fulfillment of promises to Abraham. These six introductory verses ask the people to remember. To RE-member – to come back together as one in the joy of the Lord –invites the people to tell of God's wonderful works throughout four periods of their history. Look at the decades of your life. How has God guided you in each of these periods? Where can you find joy? Who would you want to tell?

PRAYER

God, You seek me and bless me throughout my life. As I continue to seek Your Presence, help me remember your wondrous works in my life and in all creation. Thank you. Amen

ACTION

Read the entire psalm, and find a way to celebrate God's faithfulness in your own life.

Friday, August 28, 2020

2 Thessalonians 2:7-12 <https://tinyurl.com/gS7kl34>

PONDER

The mystery of evil is at work around us. God in Jesus asks us to seek Truth, in all things. At no time in history have humans ever been so saturated with information. The information doesn't always come in the form of fact or truth. God gives us the power of discernment to know what God's truth is for us. Loving and following real Truth is our salvation. When we learn to recognize false prophets, deceitful hearts and empty words, we grow closer to God in Christ Jesus. Choose wisely!

PRAYER

God of all Truth, reveal the path of wise discernment to me today. Do not let me fall prey to evil disguised by dark mystery. Thank you. Amen

ACTION

Look for the facts behind a piece of information you receive today.