



GOBIN CHURCH
A United Methodist Community for All

PRAY

God, help me acknowledge you in EVERYTHING. And in EVERYTHING help me set an example of your love for me. Thank you. Amen

ACT

Consider those who look up to you. Are you an example of Christ's integrity?

Saturday, October 24

John 5:39-47 <https://tinyurl.com/y5d9bubp>

PONDER

The people didn't believe what Moses said about Jesus. Since they didn't believe Moses, Jesus declares they will never enjoy eternal life with him. How often we judge others, even when we know what we are saying may not accurately represent those we are judging. How is God going to believe our supplications when we harm others by our words and actions? I think about the negative voices all around us today. Trusting in God's Truth invites discernment, love and open doors. Having God's Love in our hearts brings peace, understanding and a deep knowing of what is true and right and good. God's glory will shine in us when we trust in Christ Jesus and practice humility.

PRAY

God, help me believe in your Word as you bring it to me. Help me know your Truth. Thank you. Amen.

ACT

As you go about your day, notice how people seek life in things not of God.

DAILY PRAYER MEDITATIONS

Monday, October 19

Psalm 63:1-8 <https://tinyurl.com/y4ttgwsu>

PONDER

We all have things we long for: financial security, peace of mind, solutions for personal problems, conflict resolution. These are all things of earth. How many sleepless nights we spend! Then morning dawns, and we realize we are in God's Presence. There are millions of things about which to be anxious right now. This is nothing new - David, hiding from Saul in the wilderness of Judah, thirsts and longs for God's Presence. God is present with us in our longings and in our praises, in our trials and in our triumphs. Cling to God, and be filled with God's Peace.

PRAY

Ever-present God, when I long for you, you show yourself. Keep me close. Thank you. Amen

ACT

Ask yourself, "What am I really longing for?" Is it a nearness to God, or something that keeps you from experiencing a deeper relationship with Holy Presence?

Tuesday, October 20

Numbers 12:1-9 <https://tinyurl.com/y65no437>

PONDER

After all they had experienced with Moses, Aaron and Miriam still found more to complain about, judge, ridicule. And the Lord heard them. I wonder, what would it be like if every time I complained or judged someone who is God's messenger, God appeared in a pillar of cloud before me? Would I get the message? The Lord hears our grumblings and our praises. And yet God continues to be patient and love us and wait on us to return to his arms.

PRAY

God of my life, keep me from grumbling and complaining when you love me deeper than I can fathom. Thank you. Amen

ACT

Pay attention to all your thoughts about others today. Turn a judgement into a prayer or praise.

Wednesday, October 21

Matthew 17:22-27 <https://tinyurl.com/y38zr88w>

PONDER

Jesus doesn't want to offend anyone, so He sends Peter to catch a fish, open its mouth, find a coin there and pay the temple tax. We don't know whether or not Peter went fishing and whether or not he found a coin in the fish's mouth. And if he did find a coin, and took it to the temple, how would THAT be received? Would it be considered unclean? Why didn't Jesus just ask one of his followers for the money? Double jeopardy seems to follow Jesus, and he sorts it out. Why can't we trust him more, offer more, give earthly things to earthly gods?

PRAY

God, help me trust Christ Jesus in all situations. Help me not to offend others and do what is right in Your sight. Thank you. Amen

ACT

Look at the images on a piece of money. Ask yourself, "To whom does this belong?"

Thursday, October 22

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17 <https://tinyurl.com/yyjbhy6h>

PONDER

How long, Lord? Ancients wanted to know how long God's tribulations would last. I've asked the same question at various times in my life. "How long, Lord, until I feel whole again?" "How long, Lord, until my troubles cease?" "How long, Lord, do I have to struggle financially?" Our lives of faith have struggles. The beauty of God is that we are never alone. God's favor rests on us even when the things of earth seem overwhelming. I imagine God hearing me ask "How long?" and responding "How long indeed? I am with you always. Why are you worrying? Trust me and all will be well. Do your part, do my work and do not be anxious." God is our strength always.

PRAY

God of timeless love and compassion, flood my anxiousness with your peace this day and always. Thank you. Amen.

ACT

Find something you've been struggling with and give it to God in prayer. Trust in God's timing.

Friday, October 23

Titus 2:7-8, 11-15 <https://tinyurl.com/yxwy9wcz>

PONDER

EVERYTHING – not just some things. In EVERYTHING set an example. In the words we say, in how we manage earthly passions. In EVERYTHING set an example by doing what is good. Show integrity. I was reminded of the phrase "so that those who oppose you may be ashamed" when I was watching the documentary about Dolly Parton called "Here I Am." Dolly says that even though people think she's a joke, the joke is on them because she knows exactly what she's doing. So it is with God and God in Christ Jesus. God knows exactly what God is doing in EVERYTHING. In EVERYTHING we need to acknowledge God's love for us.