

In Jeremiah God pointedly reminds us that He knows all our abilities because He knew us even before He created us. Just as God was with Jeremiah, and, notably, Moses before him, He reassures us that He will see us through all difficult situations to which He calls us. Listen! Is God calling you? Don't be afraid to answer; God is with us...always!

PRAYER

God, help me quit making excuses and do what you would have me do. I know you are always with me. Thank you. Amen.

ACTION

What is God asking you to do that scares you? What would it take to put aside your fear and answer God's call?

Saturday, December 5, 2020

Mark 11:27-33

<https://tinyurl.com/y5tgkjcj>

PONDER

Jesus entraps the Roman-backed Jewish leaders when they challenge him, and exposes their lack of authority. These leaders were walking a fine line between two worlds – earthly authority and divine authority. When they challenge Jesus, he isn't going to spoon-feed them – being those who are the holy ones of the day, they should know who he is. They should recognize him. In our lives today, we often ask God what we should do. Then God lets us wrestle with our own question because we should KNOW what God wants us to do. We have to pay attention and be faithful. It's best to keep silent when we are challenged by those looking to argue and judge.

PRAYER

God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, I acknowledge your power and authority in my life. Help me be faithful to your call. Thank you. Amen

ACTION

Think of a time when you had an opportunity to argue and instead kept silent. How did that feel?



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DAILY PRAYER MEDITATIONS

Monday, November 30, 2020

Psalm 79

<https://tinyurl.com/y37v7zmg>

PONDER

“How long, Lord?” People are dead, the temple has been destroyed and those who remain are trying to make sense of their present situation while remaining faithful. “How long, Lord?” This question is one for the ages. We've been asking ourselves versions of this question a lot over the past months of the pandemic. “How long before this is over?” “How long before we get back to normal?” “How long do I have to wear this mask?” Indeed, how long does it take God to hear our complaints and our grumblings? How long have we NOT had to worry about going to restaurants or gathering with family? God has been faithful through the ages and is in our midst now. Pray and praise without ceasing – God and Jesus the gentle shepherd are with us.

PRAYER

Holy God, thank you for being beside me in my struggles. You are my God, the source of my strength. Help me stop complaining and sing your praises. Thank you. Amen

ACTION

Notice something you complain about today and turn it into an intercessory prayer.

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Micah 4:6-13 <https://tinyurl.com/y3fmr4f2>

PONDER (by Terry Noble OCT)

The ways of God's Kingdom. This scripture reminds us that God's plan includes the weak and lame, the battered and bruised, and those who have been cast away. From a human point of view we may see people who are struggling as less capable, however, Micah tells us that God will use those very people to build the Kingdom. In doing this, our Lord transforms weak to strong and gives all manner of things and people a role in bringing God's love to the world. Micah says that when this happens those who sought to destroy will not understand what is happening – but we will if we pay attention to Micah's words and we allow our weaknesses and brokenness to be transformed to bring God's Kingdom to all people. How is God transforming you to bring justice, truth, and love to the world?

PRAYER

God, help me understand your plan for my life. Transform me. Thank you. Amen

ACTION

Examine a weakness in your life. Ask God to use that weakness to help build the Kingdom.

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Luke 21:34-38 <https://tinyurl.com/y5px8wa8>

PONDER

Pay attention! Little things can distract us from God's embrace, sneak up on us, and before we know it we've wandered into the abyss of sin. Pray for focus on God's goodness and the Holy Presence of Jesus to keep us from harm. Just as Jesus was teaching in the temple every day, God is teaching us every day. The little things, the little blessings, the little whispers, the little touches of grace that we are called to pay attention to must be our focus. The little things that keep us from God only delay the blessings we receive when our mind is on our Holy Creator.

PRAYER

Ever-present God, help me pay attention to all the good things that come from you. Thank you. Amen

ACTION

Pay attention today to the little things that are God's goodness in your life. Give thanks.

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Hosea 6:1-6 <https://tinyurl.com/y68574yp>

PONDER

Acknowledge God – God is near. God punishes, but God also heals. God desires loyalty and is faithful. Notice the low water level at Cecil M. Harden Lake as you drive by in the coming days. You can see the lake bed. Guess what? The lake will fill with water again, boats will launch again, docks will meet the water again and the cycle of the flood-control lake will continue. God may empty us, and God will fill us again with love and purpose. While ritual may be important, what matters to God is our faithfulness.

PRAYER

God, in all my strivings keep me full of love for you. Thank you. Amen.

ACTION

Look around you today. Where is there an emptiness you can fill with God's love?

Friday, December 4, 2020

Jeremiah 1:4-10 <https://tinyurl.com/y4qlz7by>

PONDER (by Anita Edenfield)

When asked to undertake a task out of our comfort zone many of us react by finding excuses as to why we can't possibly do whatever is being asked of us.