



GOBIN CHURCH
A United Methodist Community for All

PRAYER:

Lord, help me live deeply into your Holy Presence all the days of my life.
Amen

ACTION:

Seek out someone who needs love today.

Saturday, April 17, 2021 (by Lisa Trigg)

Acts 3:1-10 <https://tinyurl.com/2umuhvv6>

PONDER:

We've spent a lot of time visiting doctor's offices lately. "We know we're getting older when our Google Maps searches are mostly directions to clinics," my husband said during a recent trip to Indianapolis. We are humbled and thankful, however, that access to doctors and insurance, vaccines and evaluations, treatments and cures, are available on this earthly journey. We know that not everyone has been so blessed. The technology of healthcare is also amazing, such as how an MRI can look inside us to find the tiniest flaws. We find a boost to our healing in the compassion of the healthcare workers who reach out a hand to assist us to our feet, lead us to the procedure room, and share hope for our recovery.

PRAYER:

Dear God, Thank you for the blessing of healthcare workers who tend to our needs, give us encouragement and hope, and have the training and knowledge that can help us live healthier lives. Keep them safe, and help us show gratitude for their care. Amen.

ACTION:

Send a card of thanks, maybe including a gift card, to a healthcare worker. Let them know you appreciate their sacrifices, and encourage them to continue their efforts.

DAILY PRAYER MEDITATIONS

April 12 - April 17, 2021

Monday, April 12, 2021 (by Marilyn Culler)

Psalms 135 <https://tinyurl.com/4cfswcya>

PONDER:

This psalm begins and ends the same: "Praise the Lord." The verses are a call to praise God and bless God. In between these verses, we see the various aspects of God and are shown reasons to praise and bless God. If we condense this pattern into a day or our lives, what would that look like? Awake with praise. See the surrounding gifts of nature. Experience protection from that which would harm you. Idols that would distract you from God's goodness are struck down. The day ends in praise.

PRAYER:

God of many names, I will praise you from morning to evening and every moment in between. Thank you for placing your Word before me. Amen

ACTION:

Look at how a bouquet of flowers is arranged. Imagine that is God's plan for your day, arranged in beauty from morning to evening.

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 (by Jeremiah Hagler)

Daniel 6:1-28 <https://tinyurl.com/ew9r8yze>

PONDER:

This passage is one that I am sure like myself, so many of us have heard since we were children. The King made a decree, Daniel broke the decree by praying to God, he was thrown in the lion's pit, and then plot twist – he wasn't even touched! The story tells us the King fasted and was worried for Daniel all night only to find him in the morning untouched, realizing that he served the one true God. How often have we casted ourselves as the Daniel character?! We assume so quickly that we would get down on our knees and

pray, but in reality, the moment a hardship comes our way or even stub a toe – we quickly say, “why me God?!” We are so quick to think we are Daniel in this story when often we are the King. We are quick to say from the outside, “Your God—the one you serve so consistently—will rescue you”

PRAYER:

DEAR LORD! Give me the courage of Daniel. Let your love and a hope pour out of me so much so that those even from the outside looking in will be sure to see You! AMEN

ACTION:

Thank those Daniels in your life! Take time to thank those that have shown you what it is to live a life of courage in whatever way that looks like.

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 (by Anita Edenfield)

Isaiah 26: 1-15 <https://tinyurl.com/ntsrn7vc>

PONDER:

In our youth, in SS classes, we learn that we are gifted with God’s grace; not because we have done anything to earn it, but because God loves us and wants us to have it! For free! So, you may wonder, if we have His grace, why does God have to bring down judgments upon us. Isaiah says that the while the wicked are shown grace they don’t learn righteousness and so continue doing evil. Enter God’s judgments into our lives. While we will always live in His grace, He wants us to stay on a path toward righteousness even if that means some corrective measures are needed. I imagine this is the example we are to follow in our own lives. Teaching our children right from wrong will never diminish our unending love for them.

PRAYER:

God of grace and love, we thank you for the greatest gift of all time: your Grace. We are blessed to have such a patient and kind Father in Heaven. We ask that you never give up on keeping us on paths toward righteousness no matter how many times we stumble and fall. Pick us up, brush us off, and re-set our feet so that we can show others how we live in your grace for ever and always. Amen

ACTION: Remember a time you were corrected by another. Were you shown that you were still loved and valued at that same time? When you need to correct actions of another include steps to show them that they are still loved.

Thursday, April 15, 2021 (by Teddy Shuck)

1 John 2: 18-25

<https://tinyurl.com/6kvwvswk>

PONDER:

The author of this letter is really trying to help us understand and see that we have the love of God and Jesus Christ forever. You have heard much of the coming of the antichrist. Now it appears that there are many. They have gone out from the group now. So now we know that they were not real or ever a part of us. They do not believe that Jesus is the Son of God. However, we know the truth. As long as we hold on to what we have heard from the beginning and treasure that relationship, we will remain in that wonderful relationship with God. The “antichrists” or unbelievers cannot take that away from us. To listen, speak, and share the love of Jesus is our task for every day.

PRAYER:

God thank you for every minute that you have given us Jesus. His love, your love through him, continues to bless our lives and teach the ways to give that love away to others. Praise be to You! Amen

ACTION:

Take a look at your life. Seek ways to share God’s love and truth every day.

Friday, April 16, 2021 (by Terry Noble)

1 John 2:26-28

<https://tinyurl.com/2h9xhxv6>

PONDER:

1 John, verse 28 in the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible asks us to ‘abide’ in Christ so that when Christ returns we are confident and not ashamed. What does it mean to ‘abide’? The Oxford dictionary says, “to accept or act in accordance with.” In The Message, a translation using contemporary language taken directly from the original Greek, verse 28 reads, “And now, children, stay with Christ. Live deeply in Christ. Then we’ll be ready for him when he appears, ready to receive him with open arms, with no cause for red-faced guilt or lame excuses when he arrives.” Stay! Live deeply! – words that capture the spirit of the original Greek and, we pray capture our spirits too. What does it mean to live deeply in Christ? One way is to seek to follow the model of Christ’s love and compassion. Jesus engaged women, men, children, Gentiles, and Jews. He broke the social rules. In this season of Eastertide, how can we change our hearts to live deeply?