

**Saturday, May 28, 2022** (by Lisa Trigg)

John 1:1-18

<https://tinyurl.com/2p965c7d>

**PONDER:** This magnificent passage provides a powerful opening to this gospel. It lays out the main themes of John's gospel – life, light, truth, the world, testimony and the pre-existence of Jesus Christ. He is the Incarnate Word, who reveals God to us. Then comes the dramatic statement: “the Word became flesh”. The Word took on our human nature in all its fullness. He did not have, as some people believed, just the external appearance of a human but was “like us in all things”. And he lived right among us. The Greek term literally means he “pitched his tent or tabernacle” among us. I can recall many teachers from my early school days who would sit among small, empty sponges eager to absorb new things, whether it was at story-time or doing math flash cards. Jesus also came to us as a teacher and he continues to educate us today. When we follow his instruction, we share love, grace and mercy to those around us.

**PRAYER:** Dear God, help me to reflect your love to everyone I encounter today. Make me mindful of my facial expression all day long, so I can present a smile and grace at all times. Amen.

**ACTION:** It's the end of the school year in most places. Send a note or message to a teacher thanking them for pitching their tents among the community's children.



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## **DAILY PRAYER MEDITATIONS**

**May 23-28, 2022**

**Monday, May 23, 2022** (by Marilyn Culler)

Revelation 21:5-14

<https://tinyurl.com/ycxneke6>

**PONDER:** “I am making everything new!” says the one seated on the throne. In this Easter season of renewal, I can't get beyond the first verse of this passage! Transition is all around us. Some may be afraid of “new.” When we release worries, say goodbye to things that cause us pain, walk away instead of engaging in gossip, trust in God and seek truth, our lives change. We are brought deeper into the Presence of Divine renewal. Embrace the new in Christ!

**PRAYER:** “Awake, my soul and sing!” Amen.

**ACTION:** What can you release today to make room for new?

**Tuesday, May 24, 2022** (by Jamie Douglas)

Psalms 93

<https://tinyurl.com/mryu8dn5>

**PONDER:** This Psalm is one of my very favorites. I close my eyes and feel the power of these verses surge through me. The seas salute you. All of creation bows to you.

*<sup>2</sup>Your throne was established long ago;  
you are from all eternity.*

*<sup>3</sup>The seas have lifted up, LORD,  
the seas have lifted up their voice;  
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.*

*<sup>4</sup>Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea—  
the LORD on high is mighty.*

**PRAY:** Creator, Protector, One who Loves, You alone are worthy of worship. We are part of your amazing creation and bow to you and only you. May we humbly serve you and seek you in all ways. Amen

**ACT:** Take some time this week to take in some of God's spectacular creation. The earth is rising to life. Inhale the glorious Spring.

**Wednesday, May 25, 2022** (by Anita Edenfield)  
Luke 2:25-38 <https://tinyurl.com/4bw4d6us>

**PONDER:** When we retired from the Air Force we lived in rural North Carolina while we searched for our new home. A young girl who lived across the road was convinced that we would end up in... well, *not* in heaven if we didn't go to *her* church, State Line Baptist Church! Oh, my... really!? Obviously, she had not read the words Simeon proclaimed (Luke 2:29-32) on the day Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for dedication. If she had, she would have known that God, through His son Jesus Christ, made welcome *all* people into the family of God. Sorry, State Line ... there is room for *all* of us in the Kingdom of God!

**PRAYER:** Open the hearts and minds of our global church in love and acceptance; open our global church doors to all who would enter. Spread the love and acceptance of our congregation to our global church so that truly everyone will know the full love and acceptance of You, our Lord and our Redeemer. Amen

**ACTION:** You might need to step out of your comfort zone for this action plan. Take a chance and invite someone new to come to church. Invite them to become part of a small group. Spread the word about ministries of your church. Open your heart!

**Thursday, May 26, 2022** (by Teddy Shuck)  
Psalm 93 <https://tinyurl.com/mryu8dn5>

**PONDER:** God is depicted as God should be, the Eternal Ruler and as the supreme judge over all creation. The floods represent the turmoil in the world and how they ravage it. The psalmist appeals to God as the mighty one, the one who can grant changes in the world. Prayers are the way to talk to God. We just need to keep talking to Him.

**PRAYER:** Please help me to see the injustices of the world and to do what we can to work toward getting rid of them. Amen.

**ACT:** Look around. Do you see an injustice you can work toward ending?

**Friday, May 27, 2022** (by Terry Noble)  
Matthew 7:22-27 <https://tinyurl.com/2p8r8wny>

**PONDER:** The story of the foolish person who builds a house on sand and the wise person who builds on a solid foundation seems pretty straightforward. Looking closer, we see that Jesus says we need to do two things to build on a solid foundation. First, we must HEAR, then we must ACT. However, moving from hearing the words of Jesus to acting on them may not be all that straightforward. What do we require to make that leap of faith? The bridge is all about how we have built our relationship with God. Is God at the center of our being and do we have an ongoing and active prayer life? If our faith is like the house built on rock, then it must be anchored in a lively and growing relationship with God. As we build that house with God, we will find ourselves centered and sheltered and equipped to continue Jesus' work in this world.

**PRAYER:** Longing God, draw me close. Set my feet on solid ground in You. Amen.

**ACTION:** Take a leap of faith today!