

PRAYER: Holy God, open my eyes and my heart to see Your beauty in everyone and everything around me. Amen.

ACTION: Put on “God glasses” today. Find a blessing of difference and share that moment with someone.

Saturday, July 2, 2022 (by Lisa Trigg)

Luke 9:1-6 <https://tinyurl.com/ynkeevx6>

PONDER: Overpacking for a trip used to be a problem for me. How many pairs of shoes would I need for different outfits? How many outfits? What about stormy weather? A missionary once told me, “I pack clothes I will wear once and then I give them away to people I meet who need them. My bags are lighter on the trip home.” That made me rethink and simplify my preparation. Packing is no longer a complication of my trip. Jesus gave the 12 some good travel tips — go lightly, unencumbered with the baggage of material things. Jesus suggests that we should live in a simple way. It will be difficult for us to bring Good News if we are concerned with our own details. We should walk the path of simplicity, openness and trust to be flexible and available.

PRAYER: Dear God, help me to give away your hope and love, along with the many things I don’t need that are stuffed into my closets and cabinets. Help me to live simply. Amen.

ACTION: Clean out a jewelry box and donate items to a healthcare facility to use as bingo prizes.



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DAILY PRAYER MEDITATIONS

June 27-July 2, 2022

Monday, June 27, 2022 (by Marilyn Culler)

Psalm 75 <https://tinyurl.com/ynwxpft5>

PONDER: Oh how I love the last verse of this psalm, and I’m also challenged by the message. God says: “I will demolish every bit of the wicked’s power, but the strength of the righteous will be lifted up.” The wicked will be brought down. Every day I’m discouraged by the wickedness I perceive around me. I try to be kind and loving when challenges arise, both to my face and in the world at large. God saying to me that the righteous will be lifted up helps me try to be the best I can be in my walk of faith. If I embrace wickedness in any form (pride, ego, judgment, gossip, hate), I put myself at risk. In a closer walk with God, wicked ways must be put aside.

PRAYER: God of my whole being, keep me close in your righteousness. Amen.

ACTION: This psalm is a song. The instructions even include the directive “do not destroy.” Can you find a tune in your head to the verse above (verse 10)? Sing it throughout the day!
How can we be reconciled to one another and to God?

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 (by Jamie Douglas)

Psalm 75 <https://tinyurl.com/ynwxpft5>

PONDER: I have been increasingly burdened and disheartened by the level of corruption and lack of integrity among some of our elected officials, even some in the highest courts of our country. Where is justice? This Psalm declares that only God can judge with equity.

Those who exalt themselves and “lift their horns” against heaven will be brought down and humbled. While I pray for justice and integrity to reign, my timeline is not always God’s.

PRAY: Glorious God of Justice, we exalt your name and “lift our horns” to you and you alone. Search us and convict us of any arrogance and anything offensive to you. Humble us. May we always seek to listen, learn, and follow you. Amen.

ACT: Stay informed about politics. Do your research. Listen to multiple sources. Act. Vote. Pray.

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 (by Anita Edenfield)

Matthew 10:16-25 <https://tinyurl.com/5n6vjvhk>

PONDER: In these ten verses Jesus told the disciples exactly what to expect: hatred, persecution, physical punishment and more. Would we have exclaimed, “Sure thing! Yes, please! Sign me up, Lord!” ... maybe? ... maybe *not*! Thankfully, the disciples were able to read between the lines of what Jesus was saying and see the positives that lay ahead if they stayed the course. Perseverance would result in opportunities to witness about Jesus and would let the Holy Spirit speak through them! I think my best take-away from this passage is that while being a Christian doesn’t guarantee a happy-go-lightly life, and it may have trials and tribulations, we can absolutely count on help from God to get through it!

PRAYER: Lord, thank you for your presence always in our lives! I pray that we always remember that you are in front of us to lead us, beside us to walk with us, and behind us to keep us moving forward. We take comfort knowing that you are always here for us, most loving God. Amen

ACTION: When faced with doing something outside your ‘comfort box’ take a breath and pause to consider that God will be there to guide you and help you discover what you are truly capable of doing with Him on your side! It may not be a piece of cake, but it will be good for your soul!

Thursday, June 30, 2022 (by Teddy Shuck)

Psalm 30 <https://tinyurl.com/ycy42v73>

PONDER: Most recently I have been taking stock of how many times I must have disappointed God, yet he always listens to my prayers. He always makes me feel that I have friend, father, protector. The psalmist expresses how I feel as he moves from one declaration to another. I am amazed at the ways God puts us on the right paths, or gives us a push. I pray that I recognize what He is sharing with me.

PRAY: O Lord, my God, as you have saved me from past dangers, remind me in the future of your healing and saving presence. Amen.

ACT: I will watch for whatever God is telling me. You give me the confidence to ask for and accept the grace you give to me now and forever.

Friday, July 1, 2022 (by Terry Noble)

Galatians 3:23-29 <https://tinyurl.com/y2f8tpxk>

PONDER: At the time of Jesus ministry the Israelites were a divided and conflicted people. There were the Sadducees, who were focused on all the worship and ceremonies of the Temple. The Pharisees were highly vested in the Law (the first five books of the Hebrew scriptures). The Essenes didn’t think anyone was living the Law as their ancestors had, so they moved out into the desert. Lastly, there were the Zealots, who believed they were called by the Law to violent resistance against the Romans. We may have different issues in 2022, but this still sounds a lot like the world we are living in right now. Jesus came into this setting saying that the Law could be summed up as ‘love God and love your neighbor as yourself’ (from Matthew 22:37-40). In Galatians, we are told that if we follow Jesus, we are freed from being oppressed by a disciplinarian. The good news is that all are the same in God’s sight and ALL includes Gentiles, and women, and slaves. Jesus calls us to put aside, or perhaps to delight in our differences, and understand that God has no hierarchy of who is beloved and who is not. May we seek more and more to see others through God’s eyes.