

**Saturday, June 11, 2022** (by Lisa Trigg)

Luke 2:41-52

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

**PONDER:** For a large part of his life, Jesus was part of a family. We can imagine that this must have been an extremely happy family. Yet, like every other family, it must have had its ups and downs, its joys and sorrows, its problems and difficulties. Most people, at some time or another, leave their family environment. While our family always has a central place in our concerns, we are also called to serve a wider family. All Christians are called to follow the example of Jesus and align ourselves with the family of the world. We are all brothers and sisters to each other and are called to care and love each other. In this passage, we also have the first recorded words of Jesus. What is he saying to you in these few words?

**PRAYER:** Lord, I thank you for family, friends and a common relationship with your children as your family. Amen.

**ACTION:** Write down a family story to share with a younger person.



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## **DAILY PRAYER MEDITATIONS**

**June 6-11, 2022**

**Monday, June 6, 2022** (by Marilyn Culler)

Joel 2:18-29

<https://tinyurl.com/5wm64828>

**PONDER:** God loves God's Creation, and in these verses we see compassion and promise. God wants to lavish us with goodness and hope for the future, even though we may experience times of toil and hardship. Prophecy, dreams and visions await God's children. We are heirs in God's promises being unveiled to young and old through divine messages. Listen, rejoice and be glad!

**PRAY:** O Lord my God, I see you in all creation. Open my eyes, my lips and my mind to share the promises You have for Your people. Amen.

**ACT:** Look deeply at everything around you. Invite God's Spirit in throughout the day.

**Tuesday, June 7, 2022** (by Jamie Douglas)

1 Corinthians 2:12-16

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8dxkmy>

**PONDER:** Paul tells us in these verses that no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. The followers of Christ have access to that Spirit. We live in a time where we are bombarded by opinion of "experts" who claim to have unique wisdom to impart to us. The noise can be too much. Paul reminds us that we cannot use human wisdom to access or understand God, but can understand His mind through His gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Wednesday, June 8, 2022** (by Anita Edenfield)

Luke 1:26-28

<https://tinyurl.com/5a4pbjyu>

**PONDER:** When the angel appeared to Mary to tell her she would bear His son, she was puzzled, but humble in her acceptance of such momentous news. That kind of news would, I think, cause most of us to probably freak out! So why was Mary able to be so cool, calm, and collected? I would suggest because she was smart! Mary knew her selection was not due to anything she had done, but rather because of God's grace. Perhaps we should be more like Mary by understanding that we can't earn God's favor by any of our deeds. We should accept God's grace and live in the example of love He gives us with that grace.

**PRAYER:** Help me, oh Lord, to humble myself before you and accept your grace. I am not in a competition for your favor because you have blessed me with your grace. For this make me truly grateful. Amen

**ACTION:** Fortunately, we don't need to do anything in order for God to find favor with us because we are already favored with His grace! Whatever you choose to do that is right and good in God's eyes, just do it...for Love! Donate to a food pantry, serve in a soup kitchen, read to someone without sight, mentor a child; do it for love of others!

**Thursday, June 9, 2022** (by Teddy Shuck)

Psalms 8

<https://tinyurl.com/5cvceht6>

**PONDER:** I want to shout "yes!" and "thank you" to the writer of this psalm. It is so very descriptive of how powerful and loving God is. It shows how God gives people dominion over all living things. He wants to make sure that God is watching over all things. The writer stands in awe of God's power and love. He is respectful of one who has created the world. It is obvious that he feels God feels a responsibility for what he has done. In recent months, I have felt that love and watchfulness more than ever. We are making a great change in our lives and God's hand in all of this has been very evident.

**PRAYER:** Lord, I am so grateful for the hand that I have felt during this time. Help me to keep seeing your presence in my life. Help all of us to understand your caring presence in decisions we make. Amen.

**ACT:** Listen to God today.

**Friday, June 10, 2022** (by Terry Noble)

Galatians 5:25-6:10

<https://tinyurl.com/75sekyr3>

**PONDER:** "My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness." In this message to the Galatians, Paul calls them to gentleness with those who have done wrong. Gentleness – that is to respond with love. This is a tall order! In our society we have systems set up to judge and punish. Even in our church families we are often quick to judge and willing to turn our backs not only on those who have transgressed, but also on those with whom we disagree. How different our world would be if we acted with gentleness and approached difficult situations with love, not judgment, in our hearts.

**PRAYER:** Gentle God, make me an instrument of your Love today. Amen.

**ACTION:** Where can you bring the gentleness of Christ's love into the world today?