

PRAY EVERY DAY September 19, 2021 Resource

*Seeking God's Word from Psalm 119:12 (NRSV)*

Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.

*Hymn "Come, Divine Interpreter" by Charles Wesley, 1762*

Come, divine Interpreter, bring me eyes thy book to read,  
ears the mystic words to hear, words which did from thee proceed,  
words that endless bliss impart, kept in an obedient heart.

All who read, or hear, are blessed, if thy plain commands we do;  
of thy kingdom here possessed, thee we shall in glory view  
when thou comest on earth to abide, reign triumphant at thy side.

*The Bishop Sharma Lewis Read the Bible in 2021 Challenge (Genesis to Revelation)*

September 20: Hosea 8 – 14

September 24: Obadiah 1; Jonah 1 – 4

September 21: Joel 1 – 3

September 25: Micah 1 – 7

September 22: Amos 1 – 5

September 26: Nahum 1 – 3

September 23: Amos 6 – 9

*Small Group or personal study*

Read Hebrews 4:12-13

- "...the word of God is living and active" (Hebrews 4:12). Take time today to be let the word of God live in you through practices of reading the Bible and inviting the presence of Christ.

- Before beginning to read the Bible today, pray the prayer above by Charles Wesley who put his faith into hymns and verse. Pray this hymn as a way to invite God to be active in your time with reading the Bible today.

- Select a passage from the Bible to read. It could be from the readings above, in your own pattern of reading scripture, or the Hebrews 4:12-13 reading.

- Read the passage and find something that is sticking out to you as you read it. Take those words or ideas and bring them to God in prayer. You may do that by:

- (1) journaling about those words and the grace or challenge they hold for you and how you might respond to them in faith;

- (2) spend time in silence reflecting on those words and waiting in God's presence – you could set a timer for a few minutes and meditate on those words.

- (3) talk with someone about that Bible passage and ask questions and share what you see God revealing in those words.

*Spend time in silence*

*Prayer for others and yourself*

*The Lord's Prayer*

*Share the Love of Jesus because It's All about Relationships*

How will you or how did you share the love of Jesus with neighbor today with no strings attached? Write it down and share it this week in small group for support and prayer.

*Going in Delight from Psalm 119:16 (NRSV)*

I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.