

PRAY EVERY DAY October 10, 2021 Resource

*Call to Praise from Psalm 22:23-24 (NRSV)*

You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
For he did not despise of abhor  
the affliction of the afflicted;  
he did not hide his face from me,  
but heard when I cried to him.

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

October 11: Matthew 22 – 23	October 15: Mark 1 – 3
October 12: Matthew 24 – 25	October 16: Mark 4 – 5
October 13: Matthew 26	October 17: Mark 6 – 7
October 14: Matthew 27 – 28	

*A Prayer of Richard of Chichester*

Thanks be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits which thou hast given us;  
for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for us.  
O most merciful Redeemer, friend, and brother,  
may we know thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly,  
and follow thee more nearly, for thine own sake. Amen.

*Small Group or personal study*

Read Luke 4:14-30

• In v. 16 it is shown Jesus had a custom of going to the synagogue on the Sabbath day. During the COVID-19 pandemic many of our regular patterns and ways for weekly worship together have been interrupted. How have you been able to worship with others weekly during this time (in-person worship service, online worship, something else)?

• When Jesus read from Isaiah and made his first comments, the people in Jesus' hometown liked what they heard. The passage sounded like a blessing for themselves. What blessings have you seen in Jesus Christ that were for you that made you want to praise God and rejoice?

• How have you seen Jesus bringing blessing and words of grace to your hometown or where you live now?

• As Jesus continued speaking to the people in his hometown, the hometown crowd became enraged. Jesus talked about when God blessed foreigners through Elijah. Jesus also reminded them that a prophet who truly speaks God's words is not accepted in their own hometown. Hometown words may be preferred to God's words. What words and teachings of Jesus are a challenge to your hometown or to our community at KUMC?

• The people of Nazareth were so enraged they wanted to throw Jesus from a cliff. What teachings or actions of Jesus have made you want to throw Jesus from a cliff?

• Jesus passed through the enraged hometown crowd and "went on his way" (v. 30). There was a choice in this passage for those who heard Jesus that day and saw the enraged

hometown crowd. Would those who heard follow Jesus or the rage of the hometown folks? Where do you perceive a choice between hometown values and the way of Jesus Christ? Which will you follow today?

*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.

*An Affirmation and Commitment from Psalm 22:29 (NRSV)*

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.