

PRAY EVERY DAY October 17, 2021 Resource

*God's Giving from Luke 12:32 (NRSV)*

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

*Hymn "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" by Charles Wesley*

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past.

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in thee I find;  
raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name, I am all unrighteousness.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee.

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

October 18: Mark 8 – 9	October 22: Mark 15 – 16
October 19: Mark 10 – 11	October 23: Luke 1
October 20: Mark 12 – 13	October 24: Luke 2 – 3
October 21: Mark 14	

*A Prayer by Girolamo Savonarola*

Lord, we pray not for tranquility, nor that our tribulations may cease; we pray for thy spirit and thy love, that thou grant us strength and grace to overcome adversity; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Small Group or personal study*

Read Luke 12:1-7

- Luke 12 has issues of fear and worry come up several times. Read through these different parts of Luke 12 one day this week: 12:4-12, 22-34.
- What are you afraid of and what are your worries? Take a few minutes to journal and write about your fears and worries. Share your fears and worries with someone this week for prayer. Confess your fears and worries to God.
- Luke 12:4-7 places a low economic value on sparrows (five for two cents!), yet the sparrows are given a high value in God's remembering them: "not one of them is forgotten by God." How much thought do you give to sparrows and what value do you invest in them? What does it suggest to you about the value of sparrows to God that God would remember each one?

- Jesus said, “Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.” As highly as God regards every sparrow, what does it mean to you that God values you even more?
- Close this time by praying Psalm 23 as one way of walking Jesus through the fears and worries of life with faith in God’s presence, provision, and peace.

*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 of God’s Care from Luke 12:6-7 (NRSV)*

“Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God’s sight. But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.”