

PRAY EVERY DAY October 3, 2021 Resource

A Prayer of Examination from Psalm 26:2 (NRSV)

Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and mind.

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

October 4: Matthew 7 – 8 October 8: Matthew 15 – 17
October 5: Matthew 9 – 10 October 9: Matthew 18 – 19
October 6: Matthew 11 – 12 October 10: Matthew 20 – 21
October 7: Matthew 13 – 14

Hymn "Jesus Loves Me" by Anna B. Warner, 1860

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Small Group or personal study

Read Mark 10:13-16

- The disciples wanted to prevent people from bringing young children to Jesus. But Jesus desires the little ones to come! What are some examples of "little ones" (not just children) who the Christians or the Church has tried to keep away from Jesus?
- Jesus said that to enter the kingdom of God, one must welcome God's kingdom like one would welcome a child. Jesus then lived that out to the disciples by taking children up in his arms and blessing them. In what ways have you seen Jesus welcome little ones?
- In what ways has Jesus welcomed you?
- What is a good example you have seen of someone welcoming a little one like they were welcoming the kingdom of God?
- What little ones are around you?
- How would you welcome and bless a little one this week and welcome the kingdom of God?

A Prayer of Boniface

Eternal God, the refuge of all your children,
in our weakness you are our strength,
in our darkness our light,
in our sorrow our comfort and peace.
May we always live in your presence,
and serve you in our daily lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Stand in God from Psalm 25:12 (NRSV)

My foot stands on level ground;

In the great congregation I will bless the LORD.