

## PRAY EVERY DAY January 16, 2022 Resource

### *Psalm Praise from Psalm 36:5-6 (NRSV)*

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.  
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
your judgments are like the great deep;  
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

### *A Prayer of Martin Luther*

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you.  
In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner, you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give.

### *The Bishop Sharma Lewis Read the Bible in 2022 Challenge (One Year Bible Reading Plan)*

You may find this plan on the Virginia Annual Conference website <https://vaumc.org> or pick up a copy of the reading plan at KUMC.

### *The Bible in a Year with KUMC*

This plan is available at KUMC and on the church website. This plan can be started at anytime.

### *Small Group or personal study*

- What was your furthest moment from God this week?
- What was your closest moment to God this week?
- Read John 2:1-11
- They were out of wine. It would have likely been embarrassing for the families not to have provided enough and would have put a damper on the wedding celebration which in ancient times could go on for days. The celebration had probably just begun but already they were out of wine. When have you run out what you needed to go forward? When have you run out of energy, faith, inspiration, or something else to help you live in joy?
  - Is there any area you, the church, or our community is out of wine?
  - The wedding at Cana when the wine gave out happened on “the third day” (v. 1). “The third day” is when Jesus turned water into wine after there was none left. The third day is when Jesus rose from the grave to resurrection life after dying on the cross and being buried. “The third day” is a day of resurrection and miracles revealing what is possible with God. When have you had a “third day” experience when Jesus showed up with surprising grace?
    - Pray for healing and filling with grace for those who are out of wine today. Share with Jesus in prayer for where you need to be filled with grace. Where there is absence, take it to the Lord.
    - Notice Jesus’ actions in the passage. Jesus gives directions and turns water into wine, but it is others who do actions of: (1) filling the water jars; (2) drawing out the water turned to wine;

and (3) giving the water turned to wine to the chief steward. When Jesus provides the wine where it is needed today, he may just ask us to participate in the miracle. How might Jesus be asking you to join in grace God would provide 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.

*Psalm Thanksgiving from Psalm 36:7-9 (NRSV)*

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.