

PRAY EVERY DAY January 30, 2022 Resource

Psalm Praise from Psalm 71:6 (NRSV)

Upon you I have leaned from my birth;
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.
My praise is continually in you.

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 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
- In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul writes about diverse gifts God gives to people and the diversity in the people God brings into the body of Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:31 introduces the "excellent way" the gifts and people of God act, which is, in love. Share an example from the Bible of an act that was done in love that has great meaning for you.
 - 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 names extraordinary gifts, knowledge, power, and sacrifice which are nothing without love. Share an example from the Bible of an act done without love and the results.
 - 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 describes love with action verbs that indicate what love does. It is not a list of feelings or thoughts. It is what love does do and does not do. It is a good reminder that love comes from God and is a gift (1 John 4:7-21). How is the love of God evident in your behavior?
 - Where do you need grace to live in the love of God with family, neighbor, and in the body of Christ in using your gifts?
 - 1 Corinthians 13:8-13 reveals that it is love that will last. If you believe that the love of God never ends and will endure, how will you invest your gifts and place in the people of God? Will you move in ways that fade, or move in God's ways of love that never end?

Hymn: "O Thou Who Camest from Above" by Charles Wesley, 1762.

O Thou who camest from above, the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love upon the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return, in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire to work and speak and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire, and still stir up thy gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will, my acts of faith and love repeat,

till death thy endless mercies seal, and make my sacrifice complete.

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 Prayer from Psalm 71:1 (NRSV)

In you, O LORD, I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame.