

## PRAY EVERY DAY February 13, 2022 Resource

### *Household Prayer: Morning\**

Gracious God, thank you for the gift of this new day. Guide my steps as I face choices to care for the earth or not, to show compassion toward others or not, to care for myself or not, to be true to Christ or not. May each of my choices draw me closer to you. Amen.

### *A Compline Prayer from The Book of Common Prayer, 1979*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. Amen.

### *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 Luke 6:17-26
- Compare the beginning of the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:17-26) and the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-12). How are they similar or different?
  - Notice the conditions under which people are noted as "blessed" or "woe to you." They may seem reversed or upside down. Blessing and woes here are not in how we measure such things, but in one's standing before God. Who do you usually think of as blessed or subject to woes? How is your list similar or different from Luke 6:20-26?
  - Notice the "you" language in the blessings and woes in Luke 6:17-26. When you read these verses today, which of the blessings and woes sound like they are for you?
  - In vv. 18-19, Jesus acted out the sharing of blessings when he cured and healed all of them who were sick or had unclean spirits. Some of those poor, hungry, weeping, and hated ones had just received healing from God. There was a blessing from God in the mercy of Jesus they could see. The being "blessed" in this passage relates to our state before God. What is your standing before Christ today? How would Jesus bless you?
  - The woes in this passage are for disciples, too. In what ways might we heed the warning of Jesus not to be confident in times of being rich, full, laughing, or spoken well of? How might we share the blessings from God that we have with those Jesus would bless?

### *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.

*Household Prayer: Evening\**

Tonight I come home to you in prayer, my God. Thank you for guiding me through this day, even when I was not conscious of it. Now I give this day back to you, entrusting all that I did and all that I left undone to your compassionate care. May I rest in peace. Amen.

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