

PRAY EVERY DAY February 20, 2022 Resource

*Household Prayer: Morning\**

In the morning when I rise, O God, you are with me strong and sure, turning my dreams into insights and teaching me the delights of your law. You preserve my life day after day, and in return, I rejoice at the new dawn. Guard my waiting this day, O Lord, guide my feet and my hands, give me stillness and patience so that I may give delight to myself and to those I meet; in Jesus' name I pray. 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 6:27-38
- Who are your enemies?
- Who has cursed, threatened, or struck you?
- Who has begged for you to lend or give to them things they needed?
- Rather than “giving as good as you get” from your enemies, Jesus calls disciples to “give as good as you get from God.” The way disciples are called treat other people (all the way down to enemies) is not based on their treatment of us. We treat others (including enemies) as God has acted toward us. How has God acted toward us in Jesus Christ?
  - “The Golden Rule” appears in this passage in v. 31 “Do to others as you would have them do unto you” and it is between two other commands that help us understand it in light of how God has acted toward us. The first is, “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you” (v. 27) and the second is, “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” (v. 36). How have you understood and applied the Golden Rule? How do vv. 27 and 35 confirm or change your understanding of the Golden Rule?
    - To love, do good, bless, pray, turn the other cheek, be merciful, forgive, and give are only possible for us to do to all people and for all time through the grace God gives to us. What has happened when you try to respond in these ways to enemies from your own strength or motives? How can you regularly be filled with the grace and power of Jesus to share the love of God with others as God has shared it with you?
      - What is one thing you could do to love one of your enemies today?

*Prayer of the Day\**

God of abundant mercy, you alone can turn evil into good, sorrow into rejoicing, and death into eternal life. Teach us your way of grace – to meet hatred with kindness, to answer cursing with blessing, to love without holding back, to give without thought of return; all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*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\**

Lord, throughout this day you have rescued us from harm and despair, giving us instead the joy of accomplishment and fellowship with our family and friends. Protect us through the night, Holy One, that in our dreams we will not be shaken but will you face to face and wake renewed. We take refuge in you; in Jesus' name. Amen.

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