

PRAY EVERY DAY February 6, 2022 Resource

*Household Prayer: Morning\**

God, I give you thanks this morning as I watched the beauty of the newborn light, listen to the first stirrings of a new day in nature, and ponder the miracle of my own breathing and your presence in it all. Holy, Holy, Holy! Increase my strength of soul today. And whenever I see a need, help me to respond, "Send me!" Amen.

*Hymn "Grace Greater than Our Sin" by Julia H. Johnston*

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

*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 5:1-11
- This passage includes the call of Simon Peter to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and join Jesus in "catching people." In Luke, Simon had several times he was exposed to Jesus: (1) Jesus healing at Simon's house (Luke 4:38-31); (2) Jesus teaching the crowds in Simon's boat with Simon there (Luke 4:1-4); and (3) the miraculous catch of fish at Jesus' directions (Luke 4:4-11). Simon is awakened to who Jesus is after the healing, teaching, and miracle. What things have happened that awakened you to who Jesus is?
  - Simon was also real about his own state. On recognizing Jesus as "Master" (v. 5) and "Lord" (v. 8) Simon also confessed he was a sinner, afraid, and it might be best for Jesus to leave him alone. How have you ever felt like Simon in your relation to Jesus – a sinner, afraid, thinking it would be best for Jesus to depart?
  - There are times we may feel Jesus cannot forgive our sins or that God's grace is not enough. When we continue in those beliefs we make our sinfulness greater than the love and grace of God. Luke affirms Jesus does have the power to forgive sins (Luke 5:17-26); Jesus has come to call sinners to repentance and new life (Luke 5:27-32); and that Jesus was known as the "friend of sinners" (Luke 7:33-35). Pray or sing "Grace Greater than Our Sin" as a way of remembering how great is the forgiving grace of Jesus.
  - Jesus encouraged Simon Peter to not be afraid but that from now on Simon Peter would be catching people. The call and grace of Jesus gave Simon Peter a new "from now on." Christians through time have heard Simon Peter's call as our own. The call is to leave everything and follow Jesus in a new "from now on" of catching people up in the love of God. Pray the "Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition" as a way of considering your own "from now on" with Jesus.

*A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition*

I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt,  
rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low by thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things  
to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine.  
So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. 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\**

Thank you, God, for the gift of this day. Like the fisher folk who became disciples, I have put in a day of work. As evening comes, it is time to rest. If, as I review my day, I am tempted to say, "I am not worthy of your presence, O God," reassure me with the calming words of Jesus, "Do not be afraid, come be with me." Amen.

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