

PRAY EVERY DAY March 20, 2022 Resource

*Household Prayer: Morning**

Gracious God, this new day carries the potential for growth and new life. Help me to attend to those things in me that need care and attention. Sow your word in me that I may grow in faithfulness and understanding. Shake me out of dull routines, so that I may take part in the good news you continue to tell urgently and passionately. In Christ's name. Amen.

A Prayer of Girolamo Savonarola

Lord, we pray not for tranquility, nor that our tribulations may cease; we pray for thy spirit and thy love, that thou grant us strength and grace to overcome adversity; through Jesus Christ.

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 22:63 – 23:5
- Temple guards, chief priests, scribes, and Pilate all found Jesus not to resemble their ideas of a prophet, messiah, Son of God, or king. How do you envision a king or savior to dress, talk, act, and wield power? How does Jesus in these passages look similar or different from your expectations?
 - The questions people asked Jesus in this passage were to humiliate, trap, or dismiss him. What kind of questions have you struggled with to dismiss or accept Jesus, the call to faith, or living in Jesus' ways?
 - Jesus responds to questions if he is the Son of God and a king by saying "You say I am." This interesting reply from Jesus may be Jesus asking, "Do you all say I am the Son of God?" and "Do you say I am your king?" In short form: "What do you say?" The Gospel writers Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John and Church proclaim that the Father, Holy Spirit, scriptures, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and saints say Jesus is the prophet, Messiah, Christ, Son of God, King of kings. What do you say about Jesus?
 - In this passage Jesus said, "...from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God" (v. 22:69, NRSV). Shortly, Jesus would be enthroned in the strangest fashion upon a cross, with a crown of thorns on his head and the inscription "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Jesus took the throne of the cross which anyone may come near to meet Jesus. Read Revelation 5 which has a vision of Jesus as the Lamb. Join in the new song in Revelation 5: 9-10, 12-14 to end this time in praise.

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**

As I lie down this night in the shadow of your wings, God of my life, I know that you will be with me even as you have helped me through this day. Whether I am weary from the day, or whether the day has been a rich feast of blessings, I give thanks for your power and glory, which are present in every circumstance. As I give myself over to rest and sleep, I remember that your steadfast love is better than life. So, I pray, surround me with your love tonight and always. In the peace of Christ I pray. Amen.

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