

PRAY EVERY DAY March 27, 2022 Resource

*Household Prayer: Morning\**

Loving God, in all I do this day, use me as a sign of your reconciling love. Let me not view anyone from a human point of view, but let me see all whom I will encounter with the eyes of Christ, through whom I pray. 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 23:6-12.
- Pilate learned Jesus was a Galilean and realized he could pass Jesus on to someone else. Pilate could defer a decision on Jesus and let Herod take care of Jesus. It turns out in Luke 23:13 that Jesus would come right back to Pilate again. Is there any way that you have been putting off Jesus in your life?
  - Is there anything Jesus has been calling you to do that you have been ignoring?
  - Rather than putting off Jesus, how might you respond to the ways and love of Jesus today?
    - Herod was glad to see Jesus because he had been wanting to see a miracle, sign, or spectacle. Earlier in Luke, Jesus said that evil people would ask for a sign, but no sign would be given except for the sign of Jonah. Jonah was cast into the chaos of the storm, in the belly of the fish, and brought back from the depths on the third day and then the preacher who brought those opposed to God to repentance. What connections can you make between the sign of Jonah and the sign of Jesus Christ crucified, risen from the dead, and friend of sinners?
      - Herod did not desire to know who Jesus was, Herod wanted Jesus the miracle worker. Have you ever wanted the wonders God does (miracles, signs, religious experiences) but not the wonder of knowing God in the grace, life, and salvation of Jesus?
        - What does it mean to you that Jesus does not settle for impressing us with wonders, but invites us to life with God and love of neighbor?
          - If you had to choose between witnessing a great sign or knowing God as your friend and savior, which would you desire more?

*A Prayer of Richard of Chichester*

Thanks be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which thou hast given us; for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for us. O most merciful Redeemer, friend, and brother, may we know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, for thine own sake. 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\**

Merciful God, if like the Prodigal Son I have strayed from you this day, call me back to your loving embrace. If like the elder son, I have harbored resentment for the grace you give to others, reprove me. Help me claim in thought and deed the inheritance of the saints who share with Jesus compassion and forgiveness to all who lose their way. Amen.

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