

PRAY EVERY DAY May 15, 2022 Resource

*Household Prayer: Morning**

Delivering God, each day we awaken to your goodness and our hearts cry out in praise as you set us to tasks for the life of the world. Do let us hinder your love, but strengthen our will, as we offer thanks in every simple gesture of this day. 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 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 1 Peter 1:3-12
- 1 Peter 1:3 begins with praise for God. Praising God is a great way to begin many things: worship, prayer, devotions, the day, a new task, a letter like 1 Peter. Spend a few minutes praising God now. Sing a song, read Psalm 150, or praise God for the things God has done. One of the reasons to praise and rejoice in this section is because of what we are receiving, “the salvation of your souls” (v. 9).
 - Praise and rejoicing are encouraged even in the midst of suffering various trials (v. 6). Consider how Jesus praised God in the midst of suffering 1 Peter says. Consider, too, those saints who have gone before and praised God in trials even as they were serving you. Can you think of a Christian who served you and praised God while going through their own difficulty? Praise is possible because of what God is doing in providing us a new birth, living hope, an inheritance, faith, and salvation in Jesus Christ (vv. 3-5). What difficulty, suffering, or trial are you facing now? How are you able to praise God in this storm?

Hymn “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” by Joachim Neander; trans. by Catherine Winkworth

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

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**

Faithful God, the nightly dance of earth, moon, and stars speaks of your gift: love given, love received. We give thanks for this night for the love you have shown to us this day. Let us rest in your peace and awaken in joy. Amen.

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