

PRAY EVERY DAY May 22, 2022 Resource

*Household Prayer: Morning**

Holy Spirit, enliven in us a faith and witness like Lydia's, that through deepened prayer we might rise to action in service of the gospel. 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 Ephesians 2:1-10
- John Wesley described God's grace in four ways: prevenient grace, justifying grace, sanctifying grace, and perfecting grace. Justifying grace is like the front door of God's house. It is an entrance into new life with God which is often called being born again. At justification God makes us right and we are freed from a life of sin and enter a new birth in God's house with God and the people of God. Salvation is God's work which we receive in faith. It is wholly God's action but we may accept it or reject it. How have you seen the saving grace of God in the life and actions of Jesus Christ?
 - What was your life like before the saving grace of Jesus Christ? If you have not put your faith yet in Christ, how do you perceive what life would be like if you were brought through God's front door into a life with in Christ.
 - If you can remember a time you entered the doorway of grace, put faith in Jesus Christ, were forgiven by God of your sins, and transformed for new life in the Holy Spirit, share that story with your group or someone else.
 - The justifying grace of Jesus Christ is a gift given freely by God and offered to all, but not everyone experiences it in the same way. For some it is condensed into a single moment like responding to an altar call or praying a prayer. For some, justifying grace comes gradually so that while one could look back and remember times of unbelief it would be difficult to pinpoint the exact moment of belief or transformation. How has the pace of grace been in your life and your response to it?

Hymn "Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow" by Charles Wesley, 1750

Blow ye the trumpet, blow! The gladly solemn sound
let all the nations know, to earth's remotest bound:

Refrain

The year of jubilee is come! The year of jubilee is come!
Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

Jesus, our great high priest, hath full atonement made;

ye weary spirits, rest; ye mournful souls, be glad:

Extol the Lamb of God, the all atoning Lamb;
redemption in his blood throughout the world proclaim:

Ye slaves of sin and hell, your liberty receive,
and safe in Jesus dwell, and blest in Jesus live:

Ye who have sold for nought your heritage above
shall have it back unbought, the gift of Jesus' love:

The gospel trumpet hear, the news of heavenly grace;
and saved from earth, appear before your Savior's face:
The year of jubilee is come! The year of jubilee is come!
Return to your eternal home.

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**

God, it is night and the time for rest has come. We have served you in love this day and for this we give you thanks. Do not leave us comfortless, but send your Spirit to abide with us as we trust in you this night. Amen.

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