

PRAY EVERY DAY June 12, 2022 Resource

*Household Prayer: Morning**

Creator God, I wake this morning to the beauty of the world as though it were the first morning of creation. As the light of the sun rises on all that you have made, I pray that my spirit may rise also. Help me to be ready to greet you however and in whomever you make yourself known to me today. Help me to pause in moments of this day to glimpse the beauty you have made, offered as gift and sign of your abiding presence. I entrust myself and those I love to you this day, knowing that you promise to be with us always. In your holy, triune name I pray. 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 Romans 5:1-5
- Look for the activity of the Trinity in this passage. What does God (the Father) do? What does Jesus Christ (God the Son) do? What does the Holy Spirit (God the Spirit) do?
 - The Christian doctrine of the Trinity affirms we worship one God who is three distinct persons of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Sometimes we try to understand the Trinity by saying "The Father is God, Jesus is God, the Spirit is God. The Father is not the Son and is not the Spirit. Jesus is not the Father and is not the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not the Father and is not Jesus Christ. The Triune God is the three persons of the Trinity united in one Godhead. Salvation is the work of God. All three persons of the Trinity participate in the goodness of God like creation, forgiveness, salvation, and hope. We may stand in grace (v. 2) as we are held up and bolstered on all sides in a grace sandwich with "peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (v. 1) on one side and "because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (v. 5) on the other. How does faith in Jesus Christ help one to stand in grace? How does the Holy Spirit pouring God's love into our lives help one to stand?
 - We may have confidence in sharing in the glory of God. When we consider all that God has done to bring us salvation in Jesus Christ we may be assured that God will finish the work to restore creation and fulfill the hopes of God in us. What are the promises in the scriptures from God that we can be sure will be fulfilled in the work and faithfulness of the Triune God?
 - Paul also writes we may have confidence in God (or boast) in the middle of our suffering (v. 3). This is not because suffering is good, but because God will bring us the glory and hope of sins forgiven, the brokenness of creation healed, and God's justice for all. Suffering in the people of God is a regular theme in the Bible (Hebrews suffering in wilderness, Jesus suffering on the cross, early Christians suffering persecution) but so is the hope that God's presence will always be with us and help us to stand (in the promised land, in the resurrection of Jesus from the grave, in company of saints who wait and serve in the faith and hope of God). What

sufferings are you or our community going through now? What hope and glory that God will bring is helping you to stand in grace?

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**

O God, my Advocate and Comforter, I rest in you. The evening falls and the darkness does not overcome me, for you are my light. You are the Light of the world. I bring to you the passing cares of the day, and the deeper cares of my life and those I love. Breathe peace on all that stirs in me and whirls around me. Breathe peace into every troubled place and person this night. Shine on us, in us, and through us. I know that when I awake, I will still be with you, Holy One who is Source, Word, and Wisdom. Amen.

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