

PRAY EVERY DAY July 10, 2022 Resource

*Household Prayer: Morning**

Prepare my mind to listen to you today. Prepare my heart to be filled with your love today. Prepare my lips, that they can shout your praise today. Prepare my soul, that I can be attuned to your will today. Prepare me to feel your presence in the world today! 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 Luke 10:25-37
- The lawyer asked Jesus, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus asked what the lawyer understood would be the answer from the first five books of the Old Testament (“the Law” or Torah). How would you respond to Jesus? What do you understand from the Bible or religion to be the answer on what we must do?
 - The answer Jesus said was right is found in Luke 10:27 which is known as “The Great Commandment” and comes from Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18. The lawyer had a further question for understanding, “And who is my neighbor?” What questions do you have about “doing” Luke 10:27?
 - The big surprise in the parable is the identity of the compassionate and merciful one – namely the Samaritan. The surprise is so great it may be the lawyer was unable to even name “Samaritan” in v. 37. In Jesus’ day there was some animosity, resentment, and bigotry between Jews and Samaritans. If Jesus were speaking this parable to you, what person or people group might Jesus insert into the place of Samaritan? In other words, who do you have resentment, animosity, or bigotry towards (especially for good reasons)? How does the parable affect you putting a person like that in the place of the Samaritan?
 - Note the generous and risky ways the Samaritan showed mercy. What stands out to you most? Which action of the Samaritan would be hardest for you to do to someone in need? What fears or hesitations do you have about loving like Jesus or the Good Samaritan did?

A Prayer of Henry Alford

O God, perfect us in love, that we may conquer all selfishness and hatred of others; fill our hearts with Thy joy, and shed abroad in them Thy peace which passeth understanding; that so those murmurings and disputings to which we are too prone may be overcome. Make us long-suffering and gentle, and thus subdue our hastiness and angry tempers, and grant that we may bring forth the blessed fruits of the Spirit, to thy praise and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

We come together, and this we pray: let us love the Lord our God, with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our strength, with all our minds, and let us love our neighbor as ourselves. By doing this, O God, we will truly live under the guidance of your words, and the rest that your love provides. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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