

PRAY EVERY DAY August 7, 2022 Resource

*Household Prayer: Morning\**

I greet this new day with joy, O Lord, for you are my light and my hope. Do not let me fall prey to the anxieties of this world, or be tempted by false charms, but keep me ever faithful to you, for Jesus' sake. 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 Judges 2:16-19; 3:7-31.
- Who is a one of your favorite Christian leaders who have had an impact on your life?
- In the time of the judges there is lots of leadership change. Some of the first who had leadership in Israel in making covenant with God and entering the promised land like Moses and Joshua have died. Some results are that the people of Israel divide into their local tribes, worship other gods, and fall under the oppression of nearby kings or warlords. When Christian leaders in our lives change it is not uncommon to feel a disconnect in life with God. When has a Christian leader changed in your life that influenced a change in your Christian faith, practice, or service?
  - What is one thing about a favorite Christian leader's life that you would like to invite God to grow in your life?
  - Take a look at the leadership, acts, and characteristics of Othniel, Ehud, and Shamgar. Notice they are not the same but each is raised up by God to deliver Israel from oppression and lead them into peace with God. Othniel had "the spirit of the LORD", Ehud had "a word from God", and Shamgar...well...how would you describe what Shamgar had from God?
  - Who is God raising up around you to lead the people of God today out from the oppression of sin and death, and into the life and peace of Jesus Christ? How might God be raising you up?

*A Prayer for all Christians in their vocation from The Book of Common Prayer, 1979*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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\**

Holy Comforter, Protector, and Deliverer, at the close of this day I entrust to you all my life and all those I hold dear, knowing that your tender mercies cover all my failings and all my fears. Thank you for your unending love. Amen.

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