

PRAY EVERY DAY September 25, 2022 Resource

*Household Prayer: Morning\**

My God, out of the darkness that stalks the night you bring the light of morning. Let my love for you not waste at noonday, but burn until evening again. 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.

*A Prayer of Girolamo Savonarola*

Lord, we pray not for tranquility, not that our tribulations may cease;  
we pray for thy spirit and thy love,  
that thou grant us strength and grace to overcome adversity; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*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 16:19-31
- Compare “a rich man” and Lazarus in the parable Jesus told. Which one are you more like in your health, food, shelter, and security?
  - Notice the actions of God, angels, and Abraham in the parable. What did God give to the rich man in life? What did God give to Lazarus in death? What has God given to you?
  - The rich man’s behavior does not change much in death after life. The rich man does not desire to be where Lazarus is in life or death. The rich man expects Lazarus to serve him and do his bidding even in death. If you are like the rich man in any way, how could you live in light of God’s care and sharing with those like Lazarus?
  - The rich man knew the name of Lazarus who died outside his gate. What are the names of the poor, hungry, sick, and dying who live near to you?
  - Lazarus was carried by angels, welcomed by Abraham, reclined at the table of heaven’s bounty, and was defended. Lazarus is not given particular virtues in this passage or even said to have prayed. There is an emphasis on the saving power of God for the poor. Will your actions toward the poor near you resemble those of a certain rich man or of Jesus Christ?
  - Read and consider Paul’s instructions to the rich in 1 Timothy 5:17-19.
  - Pray Mary’s Song (The Magnificat) in Luke 1:47-55.

*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?

*Household Prayer: Evening\**

My God, Most High, day is done. I rest in your shelter, abide in your shadow, trust in you. Amen.

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