

PRAY EVERY DAY October 23, 2022 Resource

*Household Prayer: Morning**

Living God, you have made this day bright with the promise of your presence as you crown each moment with hope. Let your Holy Spirit pray in us now, that in all our tasks – at home, at work, at school, and in our community – we may express the joy you have in us. Be our peace, in Jesus' name. 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 15:11-32
- In this parable there are two sons who were lost. The first one who got lost returned to his father (younger son). The second one who was lost (older son outside not going into the welcome home party) has the father seek him out but we don't know if he returns to his father's home and joy, especially when that joy includes celebrating the restored younger son. The father restores the younger the son to being a son, after he would have settled for being a slave. The father sought to restore the older son to relationships of joy, peace, and acceptance of the younger son's restoration and father's welcome.
 - Have you ever been lost like the younger son or known someone like the younger? What has God's restoring grace meant to you?
 - Have you ever been lost like the older son and frustrated by God's forgiveness and restoration in someone else? How has it ever been difficult for you to enter into the joy of God's restoration?
 - Jesus acts like the father in the parable. Jesus welcomes the lost, sinners, tax collectors and also invites the "righteous" to celebrate when sinners draw near to God. The parable invites those interested in Jesus to join in rejoicing when sinners come close to Jesus and the kingdom of God. What steps do you and our church need to take to welcome people home to be children of God, like Jesus and the father in the parable?

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**

God of endings and beginnings, who calls us to work and to rest, we thank you for the joys and struggles of this day. Teach us to come to a fuller knowledge of your will in our lives, that each moment might be a sign of your love for us. Take us now into your arms that in your safekeeping, we may sleep and be renewed. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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