

PRAY EVERY DAY November 20, 2022 Resource

*Household Prayer: Morning\**

God of the new day, at the dawning of the first day you spoke creation into being and declared it good. You crafted each flower and vegetable and bird of the air and beast of the land, and there at all of it was Jesus Christ. We give thanks for the dawning of this day and pray we might know your holy triune presence in all we see and do. Guard our hearts, minds, spirits, and bodies that we, too, might sing the goodness of creation and remember your call to be good stewards of it all. 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.

*Hymn "Te Deum Laudamus" 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> century*

We praise you, O God. We acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, Father everlasting. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and mighty, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of the apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy church acclaims you: Father, of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true and only Son, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you became incarnate to set us free you humbly accepted the Virgin's womb. You overcame the sting of death, and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that you will come to be our judge. Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance. Govern and uphold them now and always. Day by day we bless you. We praise your name for ever. Keep us today, Lord, from all sin. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. Lord, show us your love and mercy; for we put our trust in you. In you, Lord, is our hope: and we shall never hope in vain.

*Small Group or personal study*

- What was your furthest moment from God this week?
- What was your closest moment to God this week?
- Read Colossians 1:11-20
- In verse 12 there is encouragement for "giving thanks to the Father." What do you see in this passage for which to give thanks? What has happened in your life for which to give thanks to God?
  - Jesus is described as the image of the invisible God. The life, actions, words, birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus show what God is like. What has Jesus helped you see about God?
  - Jesus is described as creating everything, holding all things together, all things being for Christ, and God making peace with all things through the blood of Christ's cross. There are

many powers in the world seen and unseen. For what things are you grateful and hopeful since Christ is over all?

- The KUMC 2022 Advent devotional is one way we can read scripture, pray, and invite Jesus to come anew into our lives this Advent and Christmas. Pick up a copy (online or print) and get a second copy (or a bunch) to share with someone who would be blessed to see how the words of scripture have come to be in lives of people at KUMC.

*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\**

Ever-present God, even on the dark day, in that dark place called the Skull, you were present to the suffering and those in pain. Be present to the suffering on this night, too, and rain down mercy and justice upon your beloved creation. Be with us and those we love this night, and bring us through to the dawning of a new day filled with righteousness, love, and peace. Amen.

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