

PRAY EVERY DAY January 1, 2023 Resource

Praying the Psalms: Psalm 8:1, 4-5 (NRSV)

O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?
Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.

Hymn "This Is My Father's World" Words by Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heaven's ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

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 Matthew 11:2-11
- John the Baptist's prophetic ministry landed him in prison and while there he wondered if Jesus was indeed the Messiah he had been waiting for. What circumstances in your life or the world have made you wonder if Jesus Christ was the savior or if you should wait for some other source of help.?

- Jesus reminded John of what Jesus was doing in the world, even in the midst of the injustice of Herod. While there remains evil, injustice, brokenness, and sin in the world, there is also God who comes with salvation in Jesus Christ. Which of the things Jesus' describes in vv. 4-6 are most enlightening to you about the work Jesus does and the hope Jesus brings?

- Below is a prayer of renewing commitment to God that early Methodists prayed in the New Year. Some Christians pray a prayer like this regularly. As Jesus is still working mercy in the world today, it is always a good time to join in following Jesus with all we have. Pray this prayer when you are ready to follow Jesus with your whole being.

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 thou art mine, and I am thine.
So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. 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?

Praying the Psalms: Psalm 8:9
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