

PRAY EVERY DAY February 5, 2023 Resource

Praying the Psalms: Psalm 64:1-2 (NRSV)

Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint;
preserve my life from the dread enemy.
Hide me from the secret plots of the wicked,
from the scheming of evildoers

The Bible in a Year with KUMC

This plan is available at KUMC and on the church website. This plan can be started at any time.

The Jesus Prayer from The Way of a Pilgrim

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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 6:9-15
- One section of The Lord's Prayer is, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." Earlier in the prayer we prayed for God's grace through God's will on earth as it is in heaven (in our lives), daily bread (what we need), and forgiveness for ourselves and each other. In this part of the prayer we pray that we would not get trapped again in temptation or evil but that "Our Father" would continue to lead us in the kingdom of God. It is noted by Bishop Willimon and Dr. Hauerwas that once we begin following Jesus and praying the Lord's Prayer that we are now part of heaven's territory on earth. They also note that evil forces will fight to get territory, those who follow Jesus, back from the ways of God. So temptations and evil will be around us.
- What sorts of temptations and evil are there around you?
- Which of those temptations are particularly enticing to you?
- This prayer reminds again and again how we pray this prayer together for each other.

We pray that our church and community may be delivered from evil.

- What temptations or evil is there around us in community and church?
- What temptations or evils are especially influential on us collectively at this time?
- One of the things the Bible reveals is that the powers of evil are not equal to the power of God. Jesus Christ overcomes the powers of sin, death, and evil in the cross and resurrection, so there is no name or power greater than the love of God. We pray to God for deliverance from temptation and evil knowing that while evil can be a force too strong for us on by ourselves, with God there will be deliverance.

A Prayer from The Book of Worship for Church and Home, 1965

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see life clearly and in your service find perfect freedom through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Spend time in silence

Prayer for others and yourself

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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 64:10 (NRSV)

Let the righteous rejoice in the LORD

and take refuge in him.

Let all the upright in heart glory.