

PRAY EVERY DAY April 23, 2023 Resource

Praying the Psalms: Psalm 116:1-2 (NRSV)

I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Hymn "Talk with Us, Lord, Thyself Reveal" by Charles Wesley

Talk with us, Lord, thyself reveal,
While here o'er earth we rove;
Speak to our hearts, and let us feel
The kindling of thy love.

With thee conversing we forget
All time, and toil, and care:
Labour is rest, and pain is sweet
If thou, My God, art here.

Here then, my God, vouchsafe to stay,
And bid my heart rejoice;
My bounding heart shall own thy sway,
And echo to thy voice.

Thou callest me to seek thy face —
'Tis all I wish to seek;
To attend the whispers of thy grace,
And hear thee inly speak.

Let this my every hour employ,
Till I thy glory see,
Enter into my Master's joy,
And find my heaven in thee.

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.

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 24:13-35.
- In this passage two disciples have an extended encounter with Jesus but don't recognize that he is alive and with them until the very end. They walk and talk for seven miles (or more!) and have time to sit together and share a meal. Has something like that ever happened to you where you looked back and realized, "Jesus was with me in though maybe I didn't recognize it at first"?

- Notice how Jesus interacts with the disciples when he came alongside. Rather than declaring himself to them immediately, he asked them questions about what was going on with them, he interpreted scriptures, received the hospitality they shared, and ate with them. This encounter lasted for hours. Jesus seems comfortable and unrushed even when people don't recognize him. Jesus kept on sharing more of the good things of God until recognition came. How are you like or dislike Jesus when you come alongside someone else?

- In vv. 33-34 both Cleopas and the other disciple and the eleven share their stories of meeting Jesus risen from the dead. The living Jesus coming to us is not good news to be hoarded privately, but is good news to share with joy. When has someone shared joyfully good news with Jesus about you? What is one thing about Jesus you have learned that you could share joyfully with someone else?

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 116:5-7 (NRSV)

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

The LORD protects the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.

Return, O my soul, to your rest,
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.