

PRAY EVERY DAY May 14, 2023 Resource

Praying the Psalms: Psalm 66:5-7 (NRSV)

Come and see what God has done:
 he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.
He turned the sea into dry land;
 they passed through the river on foot.
There we rejoiced in him,
 who rules by his might forever,
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
 let the rebellious not exalt themselves.

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 Acts 1:6-14.
- Before Jesus ascended, the disciples had a question for Jesus about timing, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom of Israel?” (v. 6). The disciples had a question about God’s timing and future for them. What kinds of questions do you have about God’s timing as it relates to you, or the church, or when God will fulfill a particular promise?
 - Notice how Jesus doesn’t answer their question. Rather, Jesus redirects them from when things will be finished to their present task. Jesus redirects them from focusing on themselves (Israel) to those beyond themselves (Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth). How would you describe the current task Jesus has for disciples?
 - Jesus shared the disciples would be witnesses for Jesus and receive the power of the Holy Spirit to do so. Who have you known who shared a witness of Jesus with you? How did their life impacted or not by the witness they shared?
 - The word for “witnesses” in Acts 1:8 comes from the same word that means “martyrs.” A martyr may bear witness to Jesus Christ at the cost of their life. This is a reminder that to be a witness for Jesus is not a task to check off one’s list of things to do. Our lives of faith lived out loud in words, deeds, and faith will bear witness to something. Will we live in such a way our whole lives to bear witness to the life, grace, forgiveness, hope, love, power, and resurrection of Jesus Christ?
 - You will be a witness for something. Pray for the Spirit’s power to be a witness for Jesus in your life today.

Hymn “The Love-Feast” by Charles Wesley

Strive we, in affection strive;
Let the purer flame revive,
Such as in the martyrs glowed,
Dying champions for their God.
We like them may live and love;
Called we are their joys to prove,

Saved with them from future wrath,
Partners of like precious faith.

Sing we then in Jesu's name,
Now as yesterday the same,
One in every time and place,
Full for all of truth and grace;
We for Christ our Master stand,
Lights in a benighted land;
We our dying Lord confess;
We are Jesu's witnesses.

Witnesses that Christ hath died,
We with him are crucified.
Christ hath burst the bands of death,
We his quick'ning Spirit breathe.
Christ is now gone upon high;
Thither all our wishes fly;
Sits at God's right hand above;
There with him we reign in love.

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 66:16-19 (NRSV)

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.
I cried aloud to him,
and he was extolled with my tongue.
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.
But truly God has listened;
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.