

PRAY EVERY DAY May 28, 2023 Resource

Praying the Psalms: Psalm 104:1-4 (NRSV)

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

O LORD my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent,
you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,
you make the clouds your chariot,
you ride on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers.

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 1 Corinthians 12:3-13

Pentecost Sunday celebrates when the Holy Spirit filled the disciples in the upper room with power. Christians continue to be baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Paul noted that the Corinthians were not lacking any spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 1:7) – they had them all! The Holy Spirit continues to pour out gifts on the people of God.

- All Christians have gifts from the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor. 12:3 notes that the only way we may truly profess “Jesus is Lord” is through the grace of the Holy Spirit working in us. The Greek word for spiritual gifts is “charisma” which means a free gift or endowment. Charisma has as a root which is the word for “grace.” The gifts come from God, as God gives, so that there are a variety of gifts given to different people. The purpose of the gifts from God are for the common good (v. 12:7); that there may be no dissension within the body of Christ (v. 12:25); and, so members may have the same care for one another (v. 12:25). Variety of people and gifts but the same God who gives them all that we may be one in Christ.

- The gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 are different from gifts listed in Romans 12:6-8. These are probably not complete lists of the gifts the Holy Spirit may allocate, but they may tell us something about the gifts given in Corinth and Rome. What gifts has the Holy Spirit given to you for building up and caring for the body of Christ and being the body of Christ for the world? Make a list of gifts you see in yourself that God has given you.

- Sometimes it is difficult for us to see the gifts God has given us. Ask at least one other Christian who knows you what they see as gifts the Holy Spirit has given you for the benefit of the body of Christ.

- How does the list of what you see as your gifts from God compare to the gifts others see in you?

- How will you use the gifts the Holy Spirit has given you for the good of all?

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?

Charge from Psalm 104:24-26 (NRSV)

O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.

There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.