



TPC

Lenten

Prayer Guide

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Praying together that we may grow together

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INTRODUCTION

The Goal of this prayer guide *is that it may be used by the Spirit of God to form our local body more and more into the image of Christ as we seek the Father in prayer and give ourselves to his Word.*

In Christ we are God's children and by the Spirit we are enabled to cry out, "Abba! Father!" Yet even then, prayer does not come easy to the Christian. We struggle to pour out our hearts because so often we do not have the words. Hence, this prayer guide is filled with prayerful words that come directly from God's Word. It is the hope of the Session that as we listen to and speak God's Written Word, his Eternal Word, the Lord Jesus, will shape, not only our words to him, but also our very lives in His image. So take up this prayer guide individually or as a family (see *A Note to Families* in the *How to Use This Guide* section on page 9) and use it to lead you to God's throne of grace where there is sufficient help in time of need.

Why a *Daily* Prayer Guide?

God loves rhythm. The same sun rises and sets each day. The same four seasons come and go every year. Yet within this rhythm, we do not experience the same old routine. Rather we find the wonder and beauty of God's creativity that orders all he has made. And the same is true for us. God's children thrive, not as much in unprompted spontaneity, but in the ordinary rhythms and seasons of life. Historically, this truth has been central to the spiritual formation of God's people. It was seen in the holy seasons of Israel, in the daily prayers of the Psalmists and earliest Christians, and most importantly, in the gatherings of God's people on the Lord's Day. This prayer guide then, is meant to help us attune our lives to the God-given rhythms of daily prayer. God wants not only our hearts, but also our days and our calendars. This is the reason the early church saw fit to shape their days and years by the remembrance of Christ – his arrival (Advent), his birth (Christmas), his manifestation to the world (Epiphany), his cross (Lent), his Resurrection (Easter), and his gift of the Spirit (Pentecost).

Why a *Prayer* Guide?

A prayer guide is not meant to squelch our freedom in prayer. On the contrary, it is meant to give us words to start our prayers that those words might become our own. The best way we learn to pray is by being immersed in the biblical language of prayer – speaking these prayers again and again with our lips until what we pray flows directly from our hearts and, in turn, shapes our lives. So how can this prayer guide help?

1. It encourages us to pray daily and intentionally, giving us words to pray, so that we can start praying immediately without spending undue time wondering where to begin.
2. It shows us how to pray Scripturally, specifically to pray the Psalms (The Prayer Book of the Christian) and the prayers of the Apostle Paul.
3. It helps us to pray together. During the week, while we are scattered we can still pray together as we commit to use this guide as a way to shape our 'common' daily prayers. Using this guide serves as a reminder that we belong to a particular community called to seek the one Lord who loved us and gave himself for us on the cross.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This Lenten Prayer Guide is intentionally set up to be repetitive. There are six days of Morning, Midday, and Evening prayers for Monday through Saturday (There are no suggested prayers on Sundays because Lord's Day worship is our corporate prayer service, and we would encourage you to use the 'Order of Service' for your personal prayers on that day). This repetition is not meant to stifle your prayers, but to lead you into prayer. In addition, the repetition will produce familiarity, possibly even memorization of certain psalms, prayers and passages of Scripture. The only thing that will not be repetitive is the daily Gospel readings of John. **It is our hope that throughout the Season of Lent our entire congregation will read through this Gospel as we use this prayer guide. Below is the general outline of the daily prayers for morning and evening with some helpful suggestions on how to use each particular section.**

Call to Prayer

This is meant to remind us that it is God who first seeks us and calls us to prayerfully seek him. Each day includes a call to prayer from a psalm. Regard these words as God's personal call to you to pour out your heart to him in prayer.

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving: Morning

Psalms 5 says, "O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I direct my prayer to you and watch." Each new day is a gift from God, so use this time to thank him for seeing you through the night, giving you a new day, and praying that he would bless and keep you throughout the day.

Confession of Sin, Personal Confession, Song of Confession and Assurance of Pardon and Comfort: Night

The evening is a great time to reflect on the previous day. In so doing, we will be aware of the particular ways we sinned against our God – ways we did not trust him or betrayed him, and ways we hurt or harmed ourselves and others. In this section of the prayer guide, we have provided a general confession of sin from the Psalms, and a time of personal confession. After this, there is a song of confession meant to deepen you in your need for God's good mercy. In the appendix, you will find the words for the songs of confession. Each evening will rotate between *Trisagion*, *Kyrie* and *Lord, Have Mercy*. We will be singing these in corporate worship on Sundays, so you might want to pick up song sheets to use at home. Finally, once you've confessed your sins there is a pointed reminder that for all who look to Jesus in repentance there is always forgiveness.

Readings & Time of Silence

This portion of the prayer guide includes a reading from the Psalms. Since these will be repetitive throughout the week, seek to memorize them, and use them as a way to shape your approach to God in prayer. This portion also includes a reading from the Gospel of John. These particular readings will take you through the entire Gospel during the season of Lent (see the readings in the Appendix). Read these passages slowly and intentionally. You may even want to take notes. After reading the selected Scriptures, there is a time of silence. Use this time to prayerfully reflect on what you just read.

Prayers of Intercession: Morning and Evening

Use this time to pray for yourself, your family and friends, and for your church family. This portion of the prayer guide also includes suggestions for other prayers of intercession that include such things as praying for the leadership of TPC and our mission partners.

The Lord's Prayer: Morning and Evening

Throughout Church history, God's people have prayed the prayer Jesus taught us to pray. Therefore, know when you pray this prayer you're joining your voice with the voice of the Church throughout space and time. Also, when we pray this prayer know that we are entering more deeply into Jesus' School of Prayer (*see appendix for further aid in praying the Lord's Prayer*).

Closing Prayer: Morning and Evening

These prayers are taken from the Apostle Paul's prayers for his churches. You will pray the same prayer in the morning and evening. It is our hope that Paul's prayers will teach us to pray to our good and gracious Father in the name of his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Morning Song

These songs are intended to highlight the meaning of Lent, particularly on how our God is good and merciful to sinners who know they need his Jesus-shaped grace. In the appendix you will find the words for the selected songs for each morning. Sheet music for the songs can be found in the Lent section of the TPC website.

The Blessing: Morning

Think of this portion of the prayer guide as the Lord's benediction over you and the day at hand. Each day it will be the same blessing taken from Numbers 6, the great Aaronic Blessing.

The Song of Simeon: Evening

This passage of Scripture has been traditionally said/prayed at the end of the day. It reminds us that our God has in particular ways, shown us his salvation in Christ and because he has, we can lie down in peace knowing that we are safe and secure in our Father's hands.

A Note to Families

This prayer guide can be a great tool for times of family worship. We suggest letting any of those who are able take turns reading each portion (Scripture readings, prayers, etc.). If your kids aren't able to read yet, you could read a line and have them repeat - for example, "Make a joyful noise to the LORD all the earth!" (repeat) "Serve the LORD with gladness!" (repeat), etc. This ensures that everyone is involved in both hearing and speaking the Word of God with one another. During the Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving and the Prayers of Intercession, you may each say something aloud, no matter how long or short. During the Personal Confession, you can take this opportunity to model confession of sin to one another. In this way, your kids actually see what it means to confess sins and forgive one another. These are just a few ways to use the guide as a family. We encourage you to explore how it might best help your own worship and devotion in your life together.

We trust this prayer guide will be a great blessing to you and our congregation, and that through it we will all grow in our relationship with the Father through the Son and by the Spirit.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT LENT

Origin and Intent:

Though the specific details surrounding the origin of Lent are unknown, the observation of the season was firmly established in the Church by the 4th century. The intention was always that Lent be seen as a journey beckoning the traveler to the destination of Easter, the day Jesus, our King, defeated death and secured life for us. Easter is the time we celebrate life in its fullness and are reminded of the truth that, if we belong to Jesus, we too have died to sin and been raised to new life in him (Rom. 6.3-4). Easter then, is the celebration of the reality of our new identity – the day we confess boldly and joyfully that “if anyone is in Christ, new creation! The old has passed away, behold the new has come!” (2 Cor. 5.17). Understood rightly then, Lent is our preparation for this celebration, a preparation that takes the form of repentance. Put another way, Easter is when we feast upon the truth of Jesus’ victory of life for us, while Lent is a time of considering and repenting of all the ways we’ve betrayed or forgotten this new life Jesus has given to us.

Keeping with the metaphor, Lent is a journey of rediscovery and recovery of who we are as followers of Jesus with its grand destination being the celebration of Easter. It’s a journey of turning away from those idolatries that have captured our hearts and a turning back to the One who came to captivate our hearts with his life and joy. It is important to note at this point that Lent is not the only time we are to focus on repentance. Repentance is not a one-time activity for the Christian but rather an ongoing, daily activity. But just as we should always thank God for the birth of Jesus, we still observe an annual reminder of The Incarnation, Christmas, to focus on its implications and celebrate it more fully. So it is with the observance of Lent and Easter.

Lent then is about the heart. It is about asking ourselves what is our greatest treasure. For as Jesus told us, “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matt. 6.18). The Lenten Journey is a time when we are to become more intentional, with the Lord’s help, about inquiring as to where our hearts are and whether they are seeking after the treasure of God’s kingdom (Matt 6.33) or treasures of our own making.

Days OF Lent vs. Days IN Lent

The Lenten Journey is 40 days beginning on Ash Wednesday and extending through the Saturday before Easter, also known as Holy Saturday. If you count this on the calendar, you will quickly see that makes 46, not 40 days. This is because, according to Church tradition, Sunday (or the Lord’s Day) is never a fast day, but always a day for feasting and celebration since Christ rose from the dead on a Sunday, the first day of the week, i.e. New Creation.

Throughout the Gospels as well as the letters of the New Testament, we see that the original disciples noted Christ’s Resurrection as a brand new period in the life of God’s People. Each Sunday then, became a day to celebrate and rejoice that Jesus had risen from the dead and is therefore, who he claimed to be – the Son of God. Fasting of any kind would be forbidden on such a day. The 40 days of Lent represent Jesus’ fasting in the desert for 40 days before beginning his public ministry. For us, this means that Lent, in the broad sense, is a time of discipline and self-restraint but Sundays are distinct. Therefore, there is no such thing as a Sunday *of* Lent but only a Sunday *in* Lent.

The climax or highlight of the Lenten Journey takes place during Holy Week, the Week just before Easter. During Holy Week, the Church observes daily services as well as Maundy Thursday (the institution of Communion) and Good Friday (the remembrance of Christ’s death on the cross). Holy Week, along with all of Lent, arrives at its destination with the dawn of Resurrection Sunday which is the first day of the Easter Season. Easter then, is a celebration that is not one day but rather a season that lasts for 50 days.

TPC's LENTEN SCHEDULE

Wednesday Feb. 17	Ash Wednesday Service noon - 12:30 p.m.
Palm Sunday March 28	Palm Sunday Service to begin Holy Week 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.
Monday March 29	Holy Week Service 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday March 30	Holy Week Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday March 31	Holy Week Service 6:00 p.m.
Thursday April 1	Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Friday April 2	Good Friday Service 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday April 4	Resurrection Service - two services; times TBA

The Prayers

Monday Morning

Call to Prayer: Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

(This is a time to express gratitude to God for the gift of a new day and for what he has in store for this day)

Readings

Psalm 1

The Gospel of John *(see pages 32-33 for today's Scripture reference)*

Time of Silence

(use this time to reflect on the Scripture passages you just read)

Prayers of Intercession for the Day

(In addition to your other prayers, pray for our elders to shepherd faithfully and our deacons to serve faithfully as they lead us in works of mercy.)

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. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Prayer from Philippians 1:9-11

Father, may my love abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that I may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the Day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of you.

The Morning Song: God Be Merciful to Me *(see appendix for lyrics)*

The Blessing from Numbers 6:24-27

May the Lord bless and keep me; may the Lord make his face to shine upon me and be gracious to me; may the Lord lift up his countenance upon me, and give me peace.

Monday Midday

Call to Prayer from Psalms 70 & 124

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us. O God, make haste to help us. Our help is in the name of the LORD, for he is the Maker of Heaven and earth.

Reading

Psalm 23

Closing Prayer

O Lord, as I continue to make my way through this day, direct me in all my doings with your most gracious favor that my heart may be set upon your Son by the help of your Spirit. In all my works begun this day, may they continue to your glory through Christ I pray. Amen.

The Blessing from 1 Peter 5:10

May the God of all grace, the One who has called me to his eternal glory, restore, confirm, strengthen and establish me. To him be the dominion forever and ever.

Monday Evening

Call to Prayer: Psalm 42:1-2

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God.

Confession of Sin: Psalm 38:17-18

For I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever before me. I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

Personal Confession

(use this time to confess the ways you've sinned this day)

Song of Confession: Trisagion *(see appendix for lyrics)*

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort from Psalm 38:21-22

The LORD will not forsake me nor be far from me! He will make haste to help me, for he is my salvation.

Readings

Psalm 4

The Gospel of John *(see pages 32-33 for today's Scripture reference)*

Prayers of Intercession for the Night

(In addition to your other prayers, pray for our elders to shepherd faithfully and our deacons to serve faithfully as they lead us works of mercy.)

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. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Prayer from Philippians 1:9-11

Father, may my love abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that I may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the Day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of you.

The Song of Simeon: Luke 2:29-32

Lord, you are now letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light of revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.

Tuesday Morning

Call to Prayer: Psalm 95:1-2

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

(This is a time to express gratitude to God for the gift of a new day and for what he has in store for this day)

Readings

Psalm 8

The Gospel of John *(see pages 32-33 for today's Scripture reference)*

Time of Silence

(use this time to reflect on the Scripture passages you just read)

Prayers of Intercession for the Day

(In addition to your other prayers, pray that Trinity would be salt and light to the city of Murfreesboro)

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. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Prayer from Colossians 1:9-14

Father, fill me with the knowledge of your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that I might walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of you. Would you strengthen me with all power according to your glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, that I might give thanks to you Father, to you who has qualified me to share in the inheritance of the saints in light? You have delivered me from the domain of darkness and transferred me into the Kingdom of your Beloved Son, in whom I have redemption, the forgiveness of my sins.

Morning Song: Be Thou My Vision *(see appendix for lyrics)*

The Blessing from Numbers 6:24-27

May the Lord bless and keep me; may the Lord make his face to shine upon me and be gracious to me; may the Lord lift up his countenance upon me, and give me peace.

Tuesday Midday

Call to Prayer from Psalms 70 & 124

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us. O God, make haste to help us. Our help is in the name of the LORD, for he is the Maker of Heaven and earth.

Reading

Psalm 56

Closing Prayer

O Lord, as I continue to make my way through this day, direct me in all my doings with your most gracious favor that my heart may be set upon your Son by the help of your Spirit. In all my works begun this day, may they continue to your glory through Christ I pray. Amen.

The Blessing – from 1 Peter 5:10

May the God of all grace, the One who has called me to his eternal glory, restore, confirm, strengthen and establish me. To him be the dominion forever and ever.

Tuesday Evening

Call to Prayer from Psalm 37:1-6

Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers! Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

Confession of Sin: Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Personal Confession

(Use this time to confess the ways you've sinned this day)

Song of Confession: Kyrie *(see appendix for lyrics)*

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort: Psalm 32:1

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Readings

Psalm 16

The Gospel of John *(see pages 32-33 for today's Scripture reference)*

Prayers of Intercession for the Night

(In addition to your other prayers, pray that Trinity would be salt and light to the city of Murfreesboro)

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. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Prayer: from Colossians 1:9-14

Father, fill me with the knowledge of your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that I might walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of you. Would you strengthen me with all power according to your glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, that I might give thanks to you Father, to you who has qualified me to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. You have delivered me from the domain of darkness and transferred me into the Kingdom of your Beloved Son, in whom I have redemption, the forgiveness of my sins.

The Song of Simeon: Luke 2:29-32

Lord, you are now letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light of revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.

Wednesday Morning

Call to Prayer: Psalm 86:1-4

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant who trusts in you – you are my God. Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day. Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

(This is a time to express gratitude to God for the gift of a new day and for what he has in store for this day)

Readings

Psalm 34

The Gospel of John *(see pages 32-33 for today's Scripture reference)*

Time of Silence

(use this time to reflect on the Scripture passages you just read)

Prayers of Intercession for the Day

(In addition to your other prayers, pray for friends and family who do not know Jesus, and ask that God would give you an opportunity to show them the love of Jesus)

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. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Prayer from Ephesians 1:15-23

God of the Lord Jesus Christ, Father of glory, would you give me the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of you? Would you enlighten the eyes of my heart, that I may know the hope to which you have called me, that I may know the riches of your glorious inheritance, and that I may know your power which is at work toward all who believe? It is this power that raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at your right hand, far above all rule, authority, power and dominion. He has been given the name that is above every other name. You have put all things under Jesus' feet and you have given him as head over all things to the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. Amen.

Morning Song: Come Ye Sinners *(see appendix for lyrics)*

The Blessing from Numbers 6:24-27

May the Lord bless and keep me; may the Lord make his face to shine upon me and be gracious to me; may the Lord lift up his countenance upon me, and give me peace.

Wednesday Midday

Call to Prayer from Psalms 70 & 124

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us. O God, make haste to help us. Our help is in the name of the LORD, for he is the Maker of Heaven and earth.

Reading

Psalm 119:33-40

Closing Prayer

O Lord, as I continue to make my way through this day, direct me in all my doings with your most gracious favor that my heart may be set upon your Son by the help of your Spirit. In all my works begun this day, may they continue to your glory through Christ I pray. Amen.

The Blessing from 1 Peter 5:10

May the God of all grace, the One who has called me to his eternal glory, restore, confirm, strengthen and establish me. To him be the dominion forever and ever.

Wednesday Evening

Call to Prayer: Psalm 29:1-2

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Confession of Sin: Psalm 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Personal Confession

(use this time to confess the ways you've sinned this day)

Song of Confession: Lord, Have Mercy *(see appendix for lyrics)*

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort: Psalm 51:12-13

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

Readings

Psalm 81

The Gospel of John *(see pages 32-33 for today's Scripture reference)*

Prayers of Intercession for the Night

(In addition to your other prayers, pray for friends and family who do not know Jesus, and ask that God would give you an opportunity to show them the love of Jesus)

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. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Prayer from Ephesians 1:15-23

God of the Lord Jesus Christ, Father of glory, would you give me the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of you? Would you enlighten the eyes of my heart, that I may know the hope to which you have called me, that I may know the riches of your glorious inheritance, and that I may know your power which is at work toward all who believe? It is this power that raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at your right hand, far above all rule, authority, power and dominion. He has been given the name that is above every other name. You have put all things under Jesus' feet and you have given him as head over all things to the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. Amen.

The Song of Simeon: Luke 2:29-32

Lord, you are now letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light of revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.

Thursday Morning

Call to Prayer: Psalm 80:1

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim shine forth.

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

(This is a time to express gratitude to God for the gift of a new day and for what he has in store for this day)

Readings

Psalm 62

The Gospel of John *(see pages 32-33 for today's Scripture reference)*

Time of Silence

(use this time to reflect on the Scripture passages you just read)

Prayers of Intercession for the Day

(In addition to your other prayers, pray for our political leaders, that God would grant them wisdom and humility to serve the common good of this nation)

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. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Prayer from Ephesians 3:14-20

Father, I bow my knees to you praying that according to the riches of your glory you would strengthen me with power through your Spirit in my inner being, so that Christ may dwell in my heart through faith – that I, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all your saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, and that I may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to you who are able to do far more abundantly than all that I ask or think, according to the power at work within your people, to you be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Morning Song: God Be Merciful to Me *(see appendix for lyrics)*

The Blessing from Numbers 6:24-27

May the Lord bless and keep me; may the Lord make his face to shine upon me and be gracious to me; may the Lord lift up his countenance upon me, and give me peace.

Thursday Midday

Call to Prayer from Psalms 70 & 124

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us. O God, make haste to help us. Our help is in the name of the LORD, for he is the Maker of Heaven and earth.

Reading

Psalm 117

Closing Prayer

O Lord, as I continue to make my way through this day, direct me in all my doings with your most gracious favor that my heart may be set upon your Son by the help of your Spirit. In all my works begun this day, may they continue to your glory through Christ I pray. Amen.

The Blessing from 1 Peter 5:10

May the God of all grace, the One who has called me to his eternal glory, restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish me. To him be the dominion forever and ever.

Thursday Evening

Call to Prayer: Psalm 46:1-3

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Confession of Sin: Psalm 6:1-3

O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath. Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing; heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled. My soul also is greatly troubled.

Personal Confession

(use this time to confess the ways you've sinned this day)

Song of Confession: Trisagion *(see appendix for lyrics)*

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort: 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Readings

Psalm 138

The Gospel of John *(see pages 32-33 for today's Scripture reference)*

Prayers of Intercession for the Night

(In addition to your other prayers, pray for our political leaders, that God would grant them wisdom and humility to serve the common good of this nation)

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. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Prayer from Ephesians 3:14-20

Father, I bow my knees to you praying that according to the riches of your glory you would strengthen me with power through your Spirit in my inner being, so that Christ may dwell in my heart through faith – that I, being rooted and grounded in love may have strength to comprehend with all your saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth and know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that I may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to you is able to do far more abundantly than all that I ask or think, according to the power at work within your people, to you be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Song of Simeon: Luke 2:29-32

Lord, you are now letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light of revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.

Friday Morning

Call to Prayer: Psalm 31:1-2

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me! Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

(This is a time of expressing gratitude to God for the gift of a new day and for what he has in store for this day)

Readings

Psalm 51

The Gospel of John *(see pages 32-33 for today's Scripture reference)*

Time of Silence

(use this time to reflect on the Scripture passages you just read)

Prayer of Intercession for the Day

(In addition to your other prayers, pray for our local and global partners in missions—see Missions)

The Lord's Prayer:

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Closing Prayer from Romans 13:13

O God of hope, fill me with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit I may abound in hope.

Morning Song: Be Thou My Vision *(see appendix for lyrics)*

The Blessing from Numbers 6:24-27

May the Lord bless and keep me; may the Lord make his face to shine upon me and be gracious to me; may the Lord lift up his countenance upon me, and give me peace.

Friday Midday

Call to Prayer from Psalms 70 & 124

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us. O God, make haste to help us. Our help is in the name of the LORD, for he is the Maker of Heaven and earth.

Reading

Psalm 121

Closing Prayer

O Lord, as I continue to make my way through this day, direct me in all my doings with your most gracious favor that my heart may be set upon your Son by the help of your Spirit. In all my works begun this day, may they continue to your glory through Christ I pray. Amen.

The Blessing from 1 Peter 5:10

May the God of all grace, the One who has called me to his eternal glory, restore, confirm, strengthen and establish me. To him be the dominion forever and ever.

Friday Evening

Call to Prayer: Psalm 99:1-3

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

Confession of Sin: Psalm 51:3-5

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what was evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Personal Confession

(use this time to confess the ways you've sinned this day)

Song of Confession—Kyrie *(see appendix for lyrics)*

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort: Galatians 3:13

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse for us – for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who is hanged on a tree.”

Readings

Psalm 36

The Gospel of John *(see pages 32-33 for today's Scripture reference)*

Prayers of Intercession for the Night

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The Lord's Prayer

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Saturday Morning

Call to Prayer: Psalm 34:1-3

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

(This is a time of expressing gratitude to God for the gift of a new day and for what he has in store for this day)

Readings

Psalm 103

The Gospel of John *(see pages 32-33 for today's Scripture reference)*

Time of Silence

(use this time to reflect on the Scripture passages you just read)

Prayers of Intercession for the Day

(In addition to your other prayers, especially ask the Lord to prepare his people for corporate worship and that his name would be praised and his word would accomplish his work in the lives of his people)

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Closing Prayer from 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

May the Lord Jesus make us increase and abound in love for one another and for all, so that he may establish our hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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Reading

Psalm 150

Closing Prayer

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Saturday Evening

Call to Prayer: Psalm 103:1

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Confession of Sin: Psalm 25:11

For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Personal Confession

(use this time to confess the ways you've sinned this day)

Song of Confession: Lord, Have Mercy *(see appendix for lyrics)*

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort – Psalm 25:14-15

The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Readings

Psalm 116

The Gospel of John *(see pages 32-33 for today's Scripture reference)*

Prayers of Intercession for the Night

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Readings in the Gospel of John

February 17th (Ash Wednesday)
Morning (John 1:1-18)
Evening (John 1:19-34)

February 18th
Morning (John 1:35-42)
Evening (John 1:43-51)

February 19th
Morning (John 2:1-12)
Evening (John 2:13-25)

February 20th
Morning (John 3:1-13)
Evening (John 3:14-21)

February 22nd
Morning (John 3:22-36)
Evening (John 4:1-15)

February 23rd
Morning (John 4:16-26)
Evening (John 4:27-42)

February 24th
Morning (John 4:43-54)
Evening (John 5:1-9a)

February 25th
Morning (John 5:9b-18)
Evening (John 5:19-29)

February 26th
Morning (John 5:30-38)
Evening (John 5:39-47)

February 27th
Morning (John 6:1-15)
Evening (John 6:16-25)

March 1
Morning (John 6:26-35)
Evening (John 6:36-46)

March 2nd
Morning (John 6:47-59)
Evening (John 6:60-71)

March 3rd
Morning (John 7:1-9)
Evening (John 7:10-18)

March 4th
Morning (John 7:19-30)
Evening (John 7:31-39)

March 5th
Morning (John 7:40-52)
Evening (John 7:53-8:11)

March 6th
Morning (John 8:12-29)
Evening (John 8:30-36)

March 8th
Morning (John 8:37-47)
Evening (John 8:48-59)

March 9th
Morning (John 9:1-12)
Evening (John 9:13-23)

March 10th
Morning (John 9:24-34)
Evening (John 9:35-41)

March 11th
Morning (John 10:1-10)
Evening (John 10:11-18)

March 12th
Morning (John 10:19-30)
Evening (John 10:31-42)

March 13th
Morning (John 11:1-16)
Evening (John 11:17-27)

March 15th
Morning (John 11:28-37)
Evening (John 11:38-46)

March 16th
Morning (John 11:47-57)
Evening (John 12:1-8)

March 17th
Morning (John 12:9-19)
Evening (John 12:20-26)

March 18th
Morning (John 12:27-36)
Evening (John 12:37-43)

March 19th
Morning (John 12:44-50)
Evening (John 13:1-11)

March 20th
Morning (John 13:12-20)
Evening (John 13:21-30)

March 22nd
Morning (John 13:31-38)
Evening (John 14:1-11)

March 23rd
Morning (John 14:12-21)
Evening (John 14:22-31)

March 24th
Morning (John 15:1-8)
Evening (John 15:9-11)

March 25th
Morning (John 15:12-17)
Evening (John 15:18-27)

March 26th
Morning (John 16:1-4a)
Evening (John 16:4b-15)

March 27th
Morning (John 16:16-24)
Evening (John 16:25-33)

Holy Week

March 29th

Morning (John 17:1-8)
Evening (John 17:9-19)

March 30th

Morning (John 17:20-26)
Evening (John 18:1-14)

March 31st

Morning (John 18:15-27)
Evening (John 18:28-32)

April 1st (Maundy Thursday)

Morning (John 18:33-40)
Evening (John 19:1-7)

April 2nd (Good Friday)

Morning (John 19:8-24)
Evening (John 19:25-37)

April 3rd (Holy Saturday)

Morning and Evening (John 19:38-42)

First Week of Resurrection

April 4th

Morning (John 20:1-10)
Evening (John 20:11-18)

April 5th

Morning (John 20:19-23)
Evening (John 20:24-31)

April 6th

Morning (John 21:1-8)
Evening (John 21:9-14)

April 7th

Morning (John 21:15-19)
Evening (John 21:20-25)

April 8th

Morning (John 1:1-8)
Evening (John 1:9-18)

April 9th

Morning (John 1:1-8)
Evening (John 1:9-18)

April 10th

Morning (John 1:1-8)
Evening (John 1:9-18)

Missions

Serving Our City: Local Ministries

RUF (Reformed University Fellowship) at MTSU

English Language Learning

Special Kids of Murfreesboro

Portico of Murfreesboro

Doors of Hope

Greenhouse Ministries

Harvest USA

Serving the World: Missionaries

Tom and Catalina Nachtergaele

Pete and Ruth Mitchell

Nate and Nikki Bonham

Bethany Ferguson

Ross and Aislinn Meyer

Rob and Claudia Holmes

Appendix

Morning Songs

God, Be Merciful To Me

God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea,
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within,
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked Thee to thy face.
I confess Thy judgment just,
speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart.
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,
wash me whiter than the snow.

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun;
Heart of mine own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Broken, humbled to the dust by Thy wrath and judgement just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face,
blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart,
steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return O God, to Thee,
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love;
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall praise accord.

Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners, poor and needy
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love, and pow'r.

Chorus:

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh, there are ten thousand charms

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh (*chorus*)

Come ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all. (*chorus*)

View him prostrate in the garden;
On the ground your Maker lies;
On the bloody tree behold him;
Sinner, will this not suffice? (*chorus*)

Lo! the incarnate God ascended
Pleads the merit of his blood
Venture on him, venture wholly
Let no other trust intrude. (*chorus*)

Let not conscience make you linger
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him (*chorus*)

*Click this [link](#) for sheet music.

Songs of Confession

Trisagion

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy, Immortal One,
Have mercy, Have mercy, on us.

Kyrie

(In Greek meaning: "Lord have mercy! Lord have mercy! Christ have mercy! Lord have mercy!")

Kyrie, Eleison!
Kyrie, Eleison!
Christe, Eleison!
Kyrie, Eleison!

Lord Have Mercy

Lord, have mercy;
Christ have mercy;
Lord have mercy on me;
Lord, have mercy;
Christ have mercy;
Lord have mercy on me.

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A Scripture Guide for praying The Lord's Prayer

Adapted from the Westminster Larger Catechism and based on the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven - Let us rejoice that we are children of God, that we may draw near to God as our loving Father and beseech Him on behalf of ourselves and others, knowing that all is in absolute dependence upon His sovereign care.

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. (1 John 3:1)

...having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints... (Ephesians 1:18)

And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" (Galatians 4:6)

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. (Romans 11:36)

Hallowed be thy name - Let us respect our Father as we call upon Him, having hearts which yearn to glorify Him in our thoughts, words, and actions.

but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." (1 Peter 1:15-16)

...he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. (Hebrews 12:10)

...so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him... (Colossians 1:10a)

Thy kingdom come - Let us pray that through the propagation of the gospel, all God's children (both Jew and Gentile) are brought into His church. Let us pray that Christ's church is sustained in society by civil governing authorities and nurtured by His Word and Spirit through faithful officers who purely dispense the ordinances of Christ. Let us pray for the hastening of Christ's return and our reigning with Him forever in a kingdom where death, sin, and Satan are destroyed.

I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And in this way all Israel will be saved... (Romans 11:25-26)

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Thessalonians 1:11-12)

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony... (Revelation 12:10-11)

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven - Let us pray that God's grace softens our hard hearts and makes us able and willing to know, do, and submit to His will in all things.

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! (Psalm 119:1)

Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways! (Psalm 119:1-3)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:1-2)

Give us this day our daily bread - Let us pray that God sustains our temporal needs as His Fatherly wisdom sees fit, and that we do not seek to use them unlawfully or place our dependence upon our own ingenuity in acquiring those blessings.

do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (Philippians 4:6)

You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. (James 4:3)

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. (1 Timothy 6:6-8)

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us - Let us pray for the grace of God's forgiveness, for ourselves and others, recognizing that all of us are sinners who owe a debt to God's justice we cannot pay. Only God, through the obedience and satisfaction of Christ, acquits us and accepts us in the Beloved. Let us pray that we are filled with God's peace and joy, knowing that He pardons our daily failings and gives us assurance of forgiveness evidenced in our willingness to forgive others.

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...(Romans 3:19, 23)

and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. (Romans 3:24-25)

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. (Psalm 51:7)

And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart." (Matthew 18:34-35)

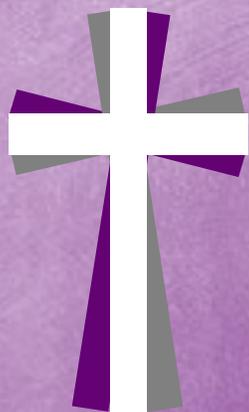
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil - Let us pray that God so overrules the sinfulness of our flesh and the power of the world and Satan that we are kept from being tempted to sin. Let us pray that when we are tempted, God powerfully enables us to stand in that time of temptation. Let us pray that when we do fall God raises us to recovery and uses our fall for our sanctification, that our salvation may be perfected. And let us pray for the day when we may be fully freed from sin and evil forever. For God's **is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.**

I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. (John 17:15)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. (1 Peter 5:8-10)

* For further inquiry on praying for specific needs or areas of concern we encourage you to speak with an elder or the ministry leader of that area.



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