

Christians, we are called to be a people of purpose, grace and prayer. In Jeremiah 3:33, the Lord invites, “Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.” In 1 Thessalonians 5, the Apostle Paul encourages the Christian community, “See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, *pray without ceasing*, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” And our promise from Jesus himself is, “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

In this season of uncertainty, truly, there is no better place for us to be than on our knees; no better side, than God’s side. We invite you, then, to join us in this thirty day call to prayer so we might be united in spirit and purpose as, together, we seek God’s will for this congregation and God’s church.

Daily Format for the Week Ending May 22, 2022

GOD'S DELIVERANCE – THE WAY

Invocation

Almighty God, you have created us, called us, and chosen us to be your people. We wait now to receive your word of guidance and blessing. Grant unto us ears to hear, eyes to see, and faith to respond to your love and leadership. In the name of Christ. Amen.

This Week's Scripture Psalm 126

It seemed like a dream, too good to be true,
when God returned Zion's exiles.

We laughed, we sang,
we couldn't believe our good fortune.

We were the talk of the nations—
“God was wonderful to them!”

God was wonderful to us;
we are one happy people.

And now, God, do it again—

bring rains to our drought-stricken lives
So those who planted their crops in despair
will shout “Yes!” at the harvest,

So those who went off with heavy hearts
will come home laughing, with armloads of
blessing.

Prayer

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3. Those in power – our leaders at the national, state and local levels, for a spirit to unite our hearts together in a common purpose
4. Those who are struggling – those dealing with illness, grief, addiction, issues in life
5. Ourselves – be very specific and detail your concerns.

End with a time of thanksgiving, knowing that God is walking with us and will point the way for us to travel.

Hymn: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our bent sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Reflection – See Daily Prompts

Benediction

May the peace of God fill my heart, mind, and activity all this day long. Amen

MONDAY, May 16 - Time of Reflection

1. How might the Holy Spirit calm my troubled heart today?

2. How can I serve the Almighty today with my voice and my actions?

TUESDAY, May 17 - Time of Reflection

1. This is how God has delivered me:

2. How is God calling me to help deliver others?

WEDNESDAY, May 18 – Time of Reflection

1. When did God return *me* from exile?

2. As a new creation, how might I help set others free?

THURSDAY, May 19 – Time of Reflection

1. How might the Alpha and Omega set my heart free today?

2. What would have to change for me to be “always blessing”?

FRIDAY, May 20 – Time of Reflection

1. What might it look like for God “to do it again”?

2. Who did God bring to mind during my prayer today?

3. Why?

SATURDAY, May 21 – Time of Reflection

1. How might White’s Chapel become “the talk of the nations” in a way that reflects God’s love and deliverance?

2. How can I show compassion today in the way Jesus did?

SUNDAY, May 22 – Time of Reflection

1. How is Sabbath Rest restoring my soul today?

2. Where have I seen Christ this week?

3. For whom are you calling *me* to be Christ?

Daily Format for the Week Ending May 29, 2022

THE BEAUTY OF UNITY – NOT UNIFORMITY THE TRUTH

Invocation

Almighty God, you have called the church into being and have gathered us into one family. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to live in unity and peace with all of your children. May our actions this day be fruit of our faith in your Kingdom. In the name of Christ. Amen.

This Week's Scripture – Psalm 133

How wonderful, how beautiful,
when brothers and sisters get along!
It's like costly anointing oil
flowing down head and beard,
Flowing down Aaron's beard,
flowing down the collar of his priestly robes.
It's like the dew on Mount Hermon
flowing down the slopes of Zion.
Yes, that's where God commands the blessing,
ordains eternal life.

Prayer

Begin with a time of thanksgiving, praising God for being with us. Using the method of the five-finger prayer, pray for:

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End with a time of thanksgiving, knowing that God is walking with us and will point the way for us to travel.

Hymn: “O Spirit of the Living God”

1. O Spirit of the Living God, thou light and fire divine, descend upon thy Church once more, and make it truly thine! Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace, till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.

2. Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee! Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal, to preach to all thy great good news, God’s glorious commonweal!

3. Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear, the language we all understand when love speaks loud and clear; till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one, and earth shall form one brotherhood by whom thy will is done.

4. So shall we know the power of him who came us all to save. So shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave; and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole, till, perfected by thee, we reach Creation’s glorious goal!

Reflection – See Daily Prompts

Benediction

Be held in the center of God’s will today and know the joy, freedom, and power of walking by faith and in faithfulness. Amen.

MONDAY, May 23 - Time of Reflection

1. When have I experienced the joy of “brothers and sisters” getting along?

2. When has God helped me overcome a conflict with someone?

TUESDAY, May 24 - Time of Reflection

1. What would it look like if the Holy Spirit actually filled our church with love and peace?

2. What is one thing **I** can do to make that vision a reality?

3. Is there anyone at White’s Chapel with whom I need to make peace?

WEDNESDAY, May 25 – Time of Reflection

1. When have I been caught in a cloud of doubt?

2. Has God ever moved me out of the mist of doubt and into a place of understanding?

THURSDAY, May 26 – Time of Reflection

1. Is there a conflict in any of my relationships that needs to be resolved?

2. What will be my first step toward reconciliation?

FRIDAY, May 27 – Time of Reflection

1. Read I Corinthians 13:1-13. How can the truth of this chapter remind me to listen and speak in love?

SATURDAY, May 28 – Time of Reflection

1. According to Psalm 133, where does God command blessing?

2. How might I give grace to those who think differently but also love Christ as I do?

SUNDAY, May 29 – Time of Reflection

1. How is Sabbath Rest restoring my soul today?

2. Where have I seen Christ this week?

3. Pray for God's understanding and wisdom in this hour.

Daily Format for the Week Ending June 5, 2022

GOD'S GRACIOUSNESS – THE WAY

Invocation

Almighty God, send your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may perfectly love you and faithfully follow you today and always. In the name and spirit of Christ. Amen.

This Week's Scripture – Psalm 107:1-9

Oh, thank God—he's so good!

His love never runs out.

All of you set free by God, tell the world!

Tell how he freed you from oppression,
Then rounded you up from all over the place,
from the four winds, from the seven seas.

Some of you wandered for years in the desert,
looking but not finding a good place to live,
Half-starved and parched with thirst,
staggering and stumbling, on the brink of
exhaustion.

Then, in your desperate condition, you called out
to God.

He got you out in the nick of time;
He put your feet on a wonderful road
that took you straight to a good place to live.
So thank God for his marvelous love,
for his miracle mercy to the children he loves.
He poured great drafts of water down parched
throats;
the starved and hungry got plenty to eat.

Prayer

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End with a time of thanksgiving, knowing that God is walking with us and will point the way for us to travel.

Hymn: “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.
2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, No sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no opening skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.
3. Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King? All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind. I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling; O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
4. Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh; teach me the struggles of the soul to bear, to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

5. Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame the kindling of the heaven descended Dove, my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

Reflection – See Daily Prompts

Benediction

Be filled with hope, joy, and peace by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

MONDAY, May 30 - Time of Reflection

1. In the past year, how has God set me free?

2. When have I desperately called out to God?

3. Can I use that same desperation to seek a solution for the choices we are considering and let God lead/provide a way?

TUESDAY, May 31 - Time of Reflection

1. My most memorable rescue was when God...

2. I always give thanks that God led me from...

WEDNESDAY, June 1 – Time of Reflection

1. If God were to take my greatest weakness, he would take away my...

2. What do I have to change to love as Christ calls me to?

THURSDAY, June 2 – Time of Reflection

1. When was the last time I felt the presence of God?

2. What does the hymn ask of God in verse 3?

FRIDAY, June 3 – Time of Reflection

1. What doubts plague me today?

2. Have I taken them to God for resolution and direction?

3. Have I listened for an answer?

SATURDAY, June 4 – Time of Reflection

1. How can I make my heart an altar?

2. What might I have to release in order to travel God's path, rather than my own or that of "the world"?

SUNDAY, June 5 – Time of Reflection

1. How is Sabbath Rest restoring my soul today?

2. Where have I seen Christ this week?

3. In what situation are you calling *me* to be Christ?

Daily Format for the Week Ending June 12, 2022

PRAISE THE LORD!

Invocation

Almighty God, you have made yourself known to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Make yourself known to us in such a way that we may understand your will and purpose for our lives today. We offer our prayers in the name and spirit of Christ. Amen.

This Week's Scripture – Psalm 150

Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy house of worship,
praise him under the open skies;

Praise him for his acts of power,
praise him for his magnificent greatness;

Praise with a blast on the trumpet,
praise by strumming soft strings;

Praise him with castanets and dance,
praise him with banjo and flute;

Praise him with cymbals and a big bass drum,
praise him with fiddles and mandolin.

Let every living, breathing creature praise God!
Hallelujah!

Prayer

Begin with a time of thanksgiving, praising God for being with us. Using the method of the five-finger prayer, pray for:

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End with a time of thanksgiving, knowing that God is walking with us and will point the way for us to travel.

Hymn: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, Opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise; field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest! Thou our Father Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine teach us how to love each other; lift us to the joy divine.

Reflection – See Daily Prompts

Benediction

May Christ be made known to you and through you today. Amen.

MONDAY, June 6 - Time of Reflection

1. List 10 blessings you have received this year:

2. In response, how can I praise God today?

TUESDAY, June 7 - Time of Reflection

1. When was the last time I blessed someone?

2. As another way of praising God, is there someone I could bless today?

WEDNESDAY, June 8 – Time of Reflection

1. Read or sing aloud this week's hymn.

2. When has my day been transformed from darkness to light? Did I remember to praise God?

THURSDAY, June 9 – Time of Reflection

1. How has God’s forgiveness changed my life?

2. Is there someone I need to forgive today? Pray for the courage to do so.

FRIDAY, June 10 – Time of Reflection

1. How is God teaching me to love others I may disagree with?

2. Am I listening to the “heart” beneath the words of those with whom I disagree?

3. How can I praise the Lord in the way I relate to those who are different from me?

SATURDAY, June 11 – Time of Reflection

1. What cloud of “sin and sadness” needs to be melted today?

2. Sin could be defined as anything that moves us away from God. This week, did I move closer or farther from Christ?

SUNDAY, June 12 – Time of Reflection

1. How is Sabbath Rest restoring my soul today?

2. Where have I seen Christ this week?

3. How will I worship the Lord with praise today?

Daily Format for the Week Ending June 19, 2022

GOD'S STRENGTH IN OUR WEAKNESS

Invocation

Almighty God, through the power of your Holy Spirit you enable us to do and be more than we can think or imagine. Come now, dwell within us, and make us strong to do your work and will. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Week's Scripture – Psalm 46

God is a safe place to hide,
ready to help when we need him.
We stand fearless at the cliff-edge of doom,
courageous in seastorm and earthquake,
Before the rush and roar of oceans,
the tremors that shift mountains.

Jacob-wrestling God fights for us,
God-of-Angel-Armies protects us.

River fountains splash joy, cooling God's city,
this sacred haunt of the Most High.
God lives here, the streets are safe,
God at your service from crack of dawn.
Godless nations rant and rave, kings and
kingdoms threaten,
but Earth does anything he says.

Jacob-wrestling God fights for us,
God-of-Angel-Armies protects us.

Attention, all! See the marvels of God!

He plants flowers and trees all over the earth,
Bans war from pole to pole,

breaks all the weapons across his knee.
“Step out of the traffic! Take a long, loving look at me, your High God, above politics, above everything.”

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God-of-Angel-Armies protects us.

Prayer

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End with a time of thanksgiving, knowing that God is walking with us and will point the way for us to travel.

Hymn: “Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

2. Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

3. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fighting's and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

5. Just as I am, thy love unknown, hath broken every barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Reflection – See Daily Prompts

Benediction

May the power, peace, and presence of Jesus Christ uphold, sustain, direct, and keep you always. Amen.

MONDAY, June 13 - Time of Reflection

1. What is my biggest fear in the midst of all the talk about a church split?

2. Can I trust Psalm 46? Is God really a safe place and ready to help?

3. Can I trust God to provide the answers I don't have?

TUESDAY, June 14 - Time of Reflection

1. Do I believe that God is fighting for His Church or that this “battle” is up to me?

2. Is my vantage point higher than God’s? Have I stumbled when I thought it was?

3. How do I put aside *my* agenda and really listen for God’s answers? Do I want to?

WEDNESDAY, June 15 – Time of Reflection

1. If God fights for us and protects us, do I want to get out ahead of that promise?

2. Has God given me direction during these weeks of prayer and seeking? If yes, how might I share it in a spirit of humility and love?

THURSDAY, June 16 – Time of Reflection

1. How can I be “strong” in the Lord?

2. When has the Lord been my strength when I had no strength left?

FRIDAY, June 17 – Time of Reflection

1. When has God rescued me from doubt and fear?

2. Do I have any reason to believe God won't/can't do it again?

3. How would my life change if I trusted God's strength?

4. How might this church change if we trusted God's strength?

SATURDAY, June 18 – Time of Reflection

1. What barrier in me is God wanting to break down.

2. How will I come to Jesus in faith to guide me in the days ahead?

SUNDAY, June 19 – Time of Reflection

1. How is Sabbath Rest restoring my soul today?

2. Where have I seen Christ this week?

3. How will I represent Christ in the decision that lies ahead?
