

January 2020

DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR

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The Upper Room, a daily devotional guide for United Methodists, provides a devotional reading for each of the days of January that goes with each of the Scripture readings and prayers on this month's prayer calendar. The devotional for each day will enrich your quiet time with the Lord in the month of January.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>PRAYER WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE...</i></p> <p><i>PRAY ANYTIME, ANYWHERE!</i></p>			<p>1 <i>Psalm 90:1-12</i> O Lord, you have been with us since the beginning of time. Help us to know your mighty works and to soak in your timeless wisdom. God we ask this, knowing that wisdom is a prayer that is always answered.</p>	<p>2 <i>Ephesians 4:25-32</i> O God, so often we speak without first thinking or considering others. We so often speak without compassion. Forgive us, Lord, and pour within us your Holy Spirit, so that we may be empowered to speak life into friend and enemy alike.</p>	<p>3 <i>Matthew 13:1-9</i> O God, today we pray that we would be like the seeds that have fallen on the good soil. They spring up and into eternal life. However Lord, we confess that often we have distractions and things in our lives that keep us from being rooted in good soil. Help us to dig deeper in our faith.</p>	<p>4 <i>Lamentations 3:19-26</i> Almighty God, you are our hope and deliverer. When we face trials and tribulations, we need your help to find hope. Instill within us Lord, your peace that surpasses all understanding.</p>
<p>5 <i>Luke 21:1-4</i> O Lord, help us to remember the poor. Help us to have a generous heart that is like the widow who gave all that she had. We are not always as generous as you call us to be. Help us to have opportunities for generosity.</p>	<p>6 <i>Matthew 5:13-16</i> God, help us to remember that we are the light of the world, that we are your hands and feet. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit to be able to share the light with strangers during this season.</p>	<p>7 <i>Philippians 4:4-7</i> God, so often we are filled with all sorts of anxieties about our world, our politics, our church, and the state of all things. Help us to remember to give those anxieties to you and to draw our joy from you. Help us to find community in the church so that others may help us with our burdens.</p>	<p>8 <i>Romans 8:12-17</i> God, it is so easy to fall into fear. However, you have not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of peace. Let your peace that surpasses all understanding guard our hearts and minds.</p>	<p>9 <i>John 4:7-15</i> Almighty God, so often in the church we draw lines for who is in and who is out. However, help us not to underestimate or put boundaries on your love for us. Help us to be friends of those on the margins of our society so that we may be more like you.</p>	<p>10 <i>Ephesians 6:10-17</i> O Lord, help us to be your people that stand up to the broken systems in our world. We need the armor of your Holy Spirit in order to make our world more like the kingdom of God. We pray that your kingdom come and your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.</p>	<p>11 <i>Luke 15:1-10</i> Creator God, you have created us all in your image and each of us is worthy of your love because of what Christ has done for us. Help us to reach out into the world to those who are lost and looking for that divine love.</p>
<p>12 <i>Matthew 3:1-12</i> O Lord, just as John the Baptist prepared the way for you, help us prepare for the return of your kingdom. Help us, Lord, to repent where repentance is needed, and to forgive where forgiveness is needed.</p>	<p>13 <i>Romans 12:4-8</i> Lord, we are the body of Christ. Help remind us that in order for you to be present in the world, we must be present because we are the fullness of your body in the world. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit for this great task.</p>	<p>14 <i>Psalm 139:1-6</i> O Lord, great and mighty are you! You know the depths of our hearts, but still you love us so very much. What a wonderful gift this is! Thank you, Lord.</p>	<p>15 <i>Matthew 26:36-41</i> Lord Jesus, even you in the garden had a moment of fear. However, you were obedient even unto death. By your obedience, my sins are forgiven. Thank you for this, Lord. Help me to be obedient unto you.</p>	<p>16 <i>Revelations 21:1-7</i> O Lord, there is always hope. In the end, Lord, we will be with you and you with us. Mourning, crying and pain will be no more. Help us to know, Lord, that those who have gone before us are with you and the hosts of heaven, worshipping day and night.</p>	<p>17 <i>1 Corinthians 12:8-27</i> O God, we are all different. We all have different gifts. Help us to know how we can use our specific gifts of the Spirit in order to help build your kingdom here on earth. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of your body.</p>	<p>18 <i>1 Kings 18:41-45</i> Help us, Almighty God, to always be looking for what you are doing in the world. Sometimes, Lord, we don't expect it because you do things in unexpected ways. Help us to be people of prayer so that we may see where you are working in the world and join you there.</p>
<p>19 <i>John 14:1-14</i> Lord, you are the one true way to receive our salvation. We thank you for that wonderful gift. We pray that we would continue to be encouraged by you daily, and that we would share our salvation with the whole world.</p>	<p>20 <i>Ephesians 3:16-21</i> Lord, your love is often so vast that it is hard to understand or describe to others. Help us to look to the example of your Son Jesus in order to find a model for how we should live.</p>	<p>21 <i>Psalm 103:8-14</i> Lord, your assurance of forgiveness is one of your greatest gifts. Forgive us Lord, for all of our numerous sins so that we may be free to build your kingdom.</p>	<p>22 <i>Psalm 21:1-7</i> O God, help us remember that it is okay to seek your help and your guidance for the things that we need in the world. Help us, O Lord, to be people of prayer, so that when prayers are answered, we notice them and give praise.</p>	<p>23 <i>Matthew 11:28-30</i> Precious Lord, oftentimes we find ourselves tired, broken, and unable to see your grace clearly. When we enter those dark moments, help us know that we can always come to the foot of your cross and rest in your presence.</p>	<p>24 <i>Genesis 32:22-30</i> When we find ourselves wrestling with you, help us to be people of prayer so that our wrestling is not in vain, but instead is a way that we can grow closer to you and receive your many blessings.</p>	<p>25 <i>Psalm 150:1-6</i> O Lord, our worship with you is one of the most important aspects of our faith journey. Help us to worship you with our community of Christians, but also to worship you in the way we live our lives and treat others.</p>
<p>26 <i>James 5:13-18</i> Lord, help us to live into our community. Help remind us that the church is here to be with us during the times we need it. The Church is there when we are sick, when we need confession, and when we need hope or help. This is one of your gifts to us. Thank you, Lord.</p>	<p>27 <i>1 Peter 5:6-11</i> O Lord, the forces of darkness are alive and well in the world. Help us to be people of the light so that we may resist evil and work for your kingdom. Through the Holy Spirit, the power of Christ dwells within us. Help us to never forget this truth.</p>	<p>28 <i>Mark 16:9-20</i> Lord, your resurrection is the very source of our faith and hope in this life. Help us to proclaim this truth to all of creation, just as Jesus has taught us. Help us to never be afraid of the truth of your resurrection power.</p>	<p>29 <i>Acts 8:26-39</i> Lord, we are often presented with great opportunities to witness our faith to others. Help us to never miss these opportunities. Help us live into the example of Phillip and how he boldly proclaimed what he knew to be true about the life of Christ.</p>	<p>30 <i>2 Corinthians 12:6-10</i> Lord, help us to follow Paul's example of rejoicing in weakness. In our weaknesses, you are made strong and your glory is revealed. We are not perfect, but we can be made perfect in and through your love.</p>	<p>31 <i>Psalm 33:6-9</i> Creator God, you are the one who made the heavens and the earth, and even us. We choose to live into your wisdom for our lives. Help us to be people who fear God by striving to live out your wisdom.</p>	