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The Upper Room, a daily devotional guide for United Methodists, provides a devotional reading for each of the days of July 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 June.



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DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR

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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 19:1-4</i> Lord God, help us to keep Your laws and Your precepts—and to stand for justice. Help each of us to love You with our whole heart and to walk in Your ways...and to be the same person of integrity, whether in private or in public.</p>	<p>2 <i>Job 42:10-13</i> Almighty God, you restore all things. Despite the terrible things that befell Job in the Bible, you brought him restoration, healing, and a new start. Despite all that's hurting and dividing us in today's society, we pray You'll restore and heal us.</p>	<p>3 <i>Romans 6:1-13</i> .God, thank you that I'm no longer who I once was. If I confess my belief in the risen Christ, I have died to a life of sin...and I am resurrected to a life lived for You! Teach me how to live out what it means to be that new creation.</p>	<p>4 <i>Mark 12:41-44</i> .Lord, teach me to be humble in my living, and extravagant in my generosity. Let me have less in some particular way, so that a person in need might have more. Help me to do that giving in a quiet way, so that You get the glory.</p>
<p>5 <i>Philippians 4:10-20</i> Lord Jesus, You give me the strength to do anything, to face any challenge, and to endure any suffering. In You, I can do all things. Whether I'm rich or poor, healthy or sick, accepted or downtrodden—You love me, no matter what. Thank You!</p>	<p>6 <i>Psalm 139:7-10</i> .Almighty and Loving God, there is nowhere I could go that You're not there. You never fail me. You are with me from beginning to end in my life...and in the afterlife. Let me always feel your presence and know that You are my God.</p>	<p>7 <i>James 1:2-6, 12-17</i> . Lord God, the trials I face are when Your faithfulness shines through even more to me. Help me to never let the bad times steal my joy... because the gift of joy comes from You, and nothing can rob me of it. I claim joy, even in my tough times.</p>	<p>8 <i>Luke 10:25-37</i> God of Love, show me how to be a true neighbor—someone who sees a need and helps. Help me be rid of the excuses I tend to engage, all because I fear what servanthood might require of me. Like the Good Samaritan, help me engage compassion.</p>	<p>9 <i>Psalm 36:5-9</i> Lord, I commit myself to You. May I serve Your plan, especially Your plan for righteousness and justice. Let Your victory of love shines as bright as the sun in the middle of a hot day. Allow me to be a child of that light and a servant of peace.</p>	<p>10 <i>Hebrews 2:5-18</i> God, sometimes we choose arrogance and forget that true power for living is born of humility. Other times, we underestimate how mighty You have made us—in Your image. Help us on both accounts, that we might humbly claim the power You grant.</p>	<p>11 <i>2 Corinthians 1:1-7</i> Lord God, if we serve You, we will not be strangers to suffering. That is part of serving. We only ask that You comfort us—before, during, and after our times of suffering—and that You allow us to console others in Your name.</p>
<p>12 <i>Matthew 6:25-3</i> Almighty God, you never fail to provide for my needs. Yet, I am prone to worry. Sometimes I laugh at myself, the way I waste time and energy fretting about the future. You are in my future, and that is enough for me.</p>	<p>13 <i>Ephesians 2:1-10</i> Lord of Heaven and Earth, you walk with me—always. I have spent time trudging through the valley of sin and guilt, but You never gave up on me. You grabbed me with the grip of love and pulled me toward grace. Praise and thanks be to You!</p>	<p>14 <i>Psalm 91:1-6</i> Lord God, when I abide in You, I have shelter in Your shade and refuge under Your reach. I am wind-broken under your wings. I do not live in a house of fear, for I dwell in the palace of Your protection. I abide in Your love and grace.</p>	<p>15 <i>2 Corinthians 12:6-11</i> Loving God, I don't like it when I have trouble or pain. Even so, it's far more important that I know You are with me than it is for You to remove that trouble or pain. If it be Your will, please remove it. Regardless, help me to trust You are with me.</p>	<p>16 <i>Peter 4:9-11</i> Lord God, you desire for us to host one another with joy, instead of resentment. You want us to minister to one another like it's a gift that we are giving and receiving—because it is! In all of this, we pray that it glorifies You, O God!</p>	<p>17 <i>Psalm 121:1-8</i> Almighty God, if I'm able to stand firm, it's because You hold my feet steady on the rock of Your grace. If I can sleep soundly, it's because I know Your protection never takes a nap. Let me continue to serve You, even as you energize my soul.</p>	<p>18 <i>Romans 12:9-21</i> God of Love, help me to choose the pathway of love each day. Teach me to be genuine, instead of hypocritical...kind, instead of mean...patient, instead of pushy. Guide me toward the ways of hope, peace, prayerfulness, and grace.</p>
<p>19 <i>James 1:19-25</i> Lord God, show me the way to live abundantly. If I want to race, let me try to be the first one to forgive. When I want to be heard, lead me to listen. When I'm full of wrath, let me choose kindness, giving up my desire for revenge.</p>	<p>20 <i>Numbers 6:22-27</i> Lord of Blessing, be with us each day. Grant us Your blessing, that we might thrive and be able to serve You. Let us see Your shining face, looking upon us with Your grace. Give us peace in our souls. We pray this for us, and for our neighbors .</p>	<p>21 <i>Ephesians 6:12-18</i> Lord God, as we work for good, let us be wrapped in Your truth. Guard our hearts with what is right, defeating what is wrong in our spirit. Help us to walk toward the needs of the world--not shying away from evil, but conquering it with love.</p>	<p>22 <i>1 Corinthians 9:24-27</i> Loving God, help us to see that we are in a marathon, not a sprint. Help us hang in there and finish the race. You want to give us a crown of glory, but we must keep running, believing, living. Grant us heavenly peace when we finish.</p>	<p>23 <i>2 Corinthians 9:6-11</i> Generous God, thank You for allowing us the chance to give. Through giving, we release our illusions that we are saved through what we own. In the place within us, which greed might otherwise occupy, we get to have joy! Thank You!</p>	<p>24 <i>Isaiah 45:2-6</i> Gracious God, whatever seems broken or bent, you make it right and straight. You bring riches to us, so that we are wealthy in the matters of spirit. You call each of us by name because we belong to You. No one is your equal, O God!</p>	<p>25 <i>Genesis 50:15-21</i> Forgiving God, the biblical story of Joseph tells about how he forgave his brothers. By pardoning them, Joseph allowed Your good to arise out of the evil they had intended. Make us to be people of pardon and grace, O Lord.</p>
<p>26 <i>Hebrews 12:4-11</i> God, we know that Jesus suffered and was persecuted...and in that context, your love came to fruition. We pray, O Lord, that if we suffer in Your name, may it bring us closer to the holy love of Christ Jesus. May Your love be found in us.</p>	<p>27 <i>Luke 7:36-50</i> God, when a woman washed the feet of Jesus, she offered her tears (her pain). She used her hair (herself) as the cleansing touch. She let her kisses to his feet (her devotion) honor him. Help us come to Jesus in such a genuine way.</p>	<p>28 <i>2 Corinthians 4:13-18</i> Almighty God, help us to claim the legacy that Christ has given us. Our faith comes from Christ, so we claim the same victory that belongs to Christ. Give us the courage to speak the Word, live the Word, and fulfill the Word of God.</p>	<p>29 <i>Psalm 34:1-8</i> Loving God, let the words of my mouth be "Thank You" and "Praise You." Let the deeds of my life be a testament of what Your love can do. And upon my last breath, let there be a final prayer that declares Your goodness, O God!</p>	<p>30 <i>John 20:24-31</i> God, help me do like Jesus did. When Thomas longed for proof that it was really him (the risen Christ), Jesus offered him peace, and then he let him feel the evidence. Let me offer peace to others...so they may feel how real Christ is.</p>	<p>31 <i>1 Corinthians 13:4-7</i> Lord, when the Apostle Paul lists the things that describe perfect love, it humbles us. We fall short of those qualities—daily! Help us to know, however, that Paul also says that love never gives up. Help us never give up loving!</p>	