

May 2019

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 May 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 May.



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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>John 6:43-48</i> You Lord are the bread of life. You are our sustainer. Today, Lord, feed me, give me what I need. Help me to see what I need to see. Help me to hear what I need to hear. Help me to do what I need to do.</p>	<p>2 <i>Exodus 4:1-12</i> Sometimes, Lord, the thought of following you into the unknown seems downright scary. Like Moses, I, too, am prone to make excuses, doubt, and question your ways. When you call me to venture outside my comfort zone, grant me unwavering faith and the assurance you will be with me wherever I go.</p>	<p>3 <i>Romans 8:35-39</i> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Nothing in all creation will be able to. God, your love for your children is unconditional and greater than our ability to understand. So, while life brings hardship, persecution, distress - your love bring peace and comfort knowing you will never leave us.</p>	<p>4 <i>Isaiah 33:2-6</i> Praise you, Lord, for salvation, for your wisdom and knowledge that guides me, for your strength that allows me to persevere. You are faithful. You are my rock!</p>
<p>5 <i>Mark 10:46-52</i> Thank you for your word that reminds me and gives me courage to speak up and tell you my needs. I pray that I might always have faith that you are listening and are able to answer my prayers.</p>	<p>6 <i>1 Corinthians 12:4-13</i> What are my gifts, what are my abilities that you, Lord, have given me that you have not given to anyone else? What plan, what purpose do you have for my life? Help me to use what you have given me to accomplish what you want me to accomplish.</p>	<p>7 <i>Matthew 28:16-20</i> Your great commission wasn't only for your disciples. It is for me, too. As your disciple, you have commanded me to be intentional in making disciples. Teach and give me the ability and courage to lead and disciple people I come across. Help me not just live my own life, but to not ignore those who need to know you.</p>	<p>8 <i>Exodus 23:6-9</i> Your commandments teach us that how we treat one another truly matters to you. May our lives and behavior reflect your likeness in the way we relate to one another. May we honor you, Lord, by treating others with fairness, kindness, and respect.</p>	<p>9 <i>Luke 11:5-13</i> Father in heaven, you are so good to us. Stir in us boldness to ask and receive, seek and find, knock and enter. When we would rather approach you in fear or shame, remind us that you have given us a spirit of power and love.</p>	<p>10 <i>Zephaniah 3:14-20</i> Thank you, God, for being with me always, for blessing me with life, keeping me safe from my enemies. Continue to renew me by your unconditional love and draw me close to you. Thank you for the praise you give me and the joy in your heart for me as an individual.</p>	<p>11 <i>Romans 12:1-3</i> I search for meaning and purpose for my life, and I look in all the wrong places, without asking for your direction first, Lord. You, Lord, have a plan and a purpose for me. Help me seek your guidance and have the faith and trust to follow your direction.</p>
<p>12 <i>Matthew 7:13-14</i> In life there are many things that will take me down the wrong path away from your teaching and direction, God. I pray today that you will be present with me in everything I think, say, and do so that I will have the abundant life that can be mine through you, my Lord and Savior.</p>	<p>13 <i>Luke 7:11-17</i> God, you have blessed me in so many ways and I forget how blessed I am. My prayers should not be only about the things I need in life, but also about being thankful for all that I have been blessed with. Let me list now my many blessings and thank you for them.</p>	<p>14 <i>Acts 15:30-35</i> God, you have asked me to proclaim you to others, and I have fallen short sometimes of doing that by both my actions and my words. Help me today to be the messenger you have called me to be. May the words of my mouth and the actions of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, this day.</p>	<p>15 <i>Psalms 112:6-8</i> I have not always shown reverence for you, Lord, or obeyed your commands. As a result, my faith and trust have not been strong, and I have found myself afraid and worried. Strengthen my reverence for you and help me to follow your teachings so when faced with a situation, I will be filled with faith and trust in you.</p>	<p>16 <i>Isaiah 43:1-7</i> "Do not be afraid, I am with you", are very strong, comforting words. I want to always feel your presence and have trust and faith that you will always be with me. Help me today and every day to not be afraid and have the peace that passes all understanding.</p>	<p>17 <i>Romans 8:14-21</i> This life here on earth is not all there is. So while I am here, Lord, help me to build a relationship of love and trust with you so that someday when this life ends, my life for eternity will begin with you.</p>	<p>18 <i>Isaiah 40:27-31</i> I have problems, I have worries; but who doesn't? But if I trust in you Lord, I will find strength to face my problems and my worries, for you are always ready to help if I will call on you and have faith and trust in your direction. Today, Lord, be present to me and allow me to feel your comfort and peace.</p>
<p>19 <i>Matthew 5:43-48</i> It is not easy to love and forgive individuals who have hurt me or don't like me, but that is what you have asked me to do, Lord. I pray today that you will help me do just that. In doing so, I become more like you, and that is my purpose for living - to be more Christ-like in my thoughts and my actions.</p>	<p>20 <i>Luke 12:22-34</i> The purpose of life is to ensure that we will spend eternity in heaven. I know the way to do that is to change my focus and concerns from the things of this world and to focus on my relationship with you, God, and to love my fellowman. This is not an easy task for me, so I pray today that you will help me to do just that.</p>	<p>21 <i>Psalms 96:1-9</i> Almighty God, so often we get caught up so much in our everyday lives that we forget the splendor of your majesty that is evident throughout all creation. Help us to stop, be still, and to know that you are our God.</p>	<p>22 <i>Matthew 26:31-46</i> O Lord Jesus, how often we forget the fear and the distress you were under in the last hours of your life. How often we forget that even in the midst of your fear, you were obedient to what God had called you to do. Help us, O God, to be obedient to you in the midst of fear.</p>	<p>23 <i>Psalms 46:1-11</i> O God, we confess that we forget that in the midst of upheaval and uncertainty in our world that you are an unchanging God. Even when the world changes for better and for worse, we know that you hold the world upright with your deep love and mercy for us. Thank you God.</p>	<p>24 <i>Luke 8:32-39</i> Lord Jesus, even the demons and dark parts of our lives have no power over your holy word. Help us Lord to speak your words of life into the darkness of our world. Help us always to be declaring all of the wonderful things you have done for us.</p>	<p>25 <i>Psalms 34:1-8</i> O God, we are often people of great fear. It is a part of being a human being. It is natural. Help us remember that fear itself is not a sin; how we respond to it is what is important. You, Lord Jesus, had fear on the last day of your life. You conquered that fear by living into God's will. Help us overcome our fears and live in a spirit of love.</p>
<p>26 <i>John 13:1-17</i> O God, you have called us to be servants. Help us remember that you were willing to take the lowliest job in order to model servanthood for us. God, help us be servant leaders in our community, not making demands or trying to lead by force or manipulation. Help us to lead by serving others in ways that surprise and inspire.</p>	<p>27 <i>Matthew 2:7-12</i> O God, it is so difficult to imagine Jesus as a young and helpless child. However, you sent your Son Jesus to us in this way to demonstrate that power doesn't come from money, status or comforts. True power comes from service. True power comes from humility. True power comes from seeking Jesus.</p>	<p>28 <i>Galatians 6:1-10</i> Almighty God, help us to bear one another's burden. Help us also to empower others to carry their own load. And help us to know the difference between a burden and a load. Help us Lord to live in community and to always be supportive and empowering of each other in love.</p>	<p>29 <i>Exodus 14:10-18</i> O God, the Exodus seems so long ago, but help us to remember that you are still in the business of deliverance. You deliver us from our sin, shame, and the things that hold us back from growing closer to you. Help us to not look back at things we have done, but to look forward to the new work that you want to do within each of us.</p>	<p>30 <i>1 Peter 2:1-6</i> Help us, O God, to be your chosen people. We know that you have chosen us for good works, for ministry, and for building your kingdom here on earth. We also know that we cannot do these works alone. Help us to work together as the body of Christ and grant us the power of your Holy Spirit to accomplish the task.</p>	<p>31 <i>1 Timothy 6:17-19</i> God, you are our great provider. We know that every good gift we have been given comes from above. Help us Lord, to respond to your good gifts and generosity by giving back to those around us who are in need. Help us to know that a life of generosity is a life fully lived in the Holy Spirit.</p>	