

Prayer walking at the church at 3pm Monday.

MONDAY *I waited patiently for the Lord to help me,
and he turned to me and heard my cry.
He lifted me out of the pit of despair,
out of the mud and the mire.
He set my feet on solid ground
and steadied me as I walked along.
He has given me a new song to sing,
a hymn of praise to our God.
Many will see what he has done and be amazed.*

They will put their trust in the Lord. Psalm 40:1-3

The Psalms suggest that all of us should share stories of God's faithfulness to encourage others. Our lives should be public evidence of the goodness of the Lord. When has God answered your prayers? Would you share the story (even anonymously)? Email pastor Laura at laura@beecreekumc.org with your story of answered prayer or post on our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/beecreekumc/>. Reading each other's stories will encourage others to pray and not give up.

TUESDAY *And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus. Acts 4:29-30*
We often pray for safety. The early church prayed for boldness. They prayed for signs and wonders and amazing healing so that others could see and believe in God's power through Christ. Pray today for boldness in your faith and willingness to risk things for God.

WEDNESDAY *I always thank my God when I pray for you, Philemon, because I keep hearing about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all of God's people. And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ. Your love has given me much joy and comfort, my brother, for your kindness has often refreshed the hearts of God's people. Philemon 1:4-7*
No matter where you are in your faith journey, there is always someone you can learn from and someone you can teach! Pray for your own chance to help one person grow in their faith and service. Perhaps you'll take the chance to support a teen or child in the church. A simple note to say you are praying for them and the good things you've seen in their lives would likely have a deep impact.

THURSDAY *So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me." John 11:41-42*
Jesus chooses to pray out loud to increase the faith of those around him. I wonder if you might choose to pray out loud with or for someone, or even choose to pray in a visible location. Do so, not to gain acclaim, but in the hope that it would inspire faith in another.

FRIDAY *Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from inside the fish. He said, "I cried out to the Lord in my great trouble, and he answered me.
I called to you from the land of the dead,
and Lord, you heard me! Jonah 2:1-2*
You may have been in some dark places, but never in the belly of a fish! The worst situations (and the best) are perfect times to talk to God. Reflect on something deep and dark that bothers you and cry out to God for help and salvation.

SATURDAY *He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." Matthew 26:39*
It's one thing to know God's will. It's another thing to do it. Seek God's will in prayer today. That can be a scary thing to do. But we are praying as Jesus did. And when we do, we'll find God gives us the strength to not just know his will, but to do it.



Find some time this week to pray and walk in your neighborhood, office, children's school, etc. Post a picture on our church website of where you are praying: <https://www.facebook.com/beecreekumc/>