

Prayer Calendar

June 2020

One Another

“One another” is two words in English, but it’s only one word in Greek: (ah-LAY-loan). It’s used 100 times in 94 New Testament verses. 47 of those verses give instructions to the church, and 60% of those instructions come from Paul. Jesus begins instruction and direction to his disciples encouraging them to love one another as he has loved them; this is our command for today. As you read these verses, reflect on them and consider in what ways these instructions for a life of discipleship, unity and community may look like in your life. We are not alone and we are deeply connected to one another through the grace, gifts, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ given to us at our baptism through the Holy Spirit. Allow each reading and reflection to seep into your heart and mind..

Monday, June 1

John 13: 34 | I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

~ If you lived by this commandment today, in what ways would your life change?

Tuesday, June 2

John 13:14 | So, if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

~ Consider in what ways Jesus is calling us to live by his example of service. How might we wash one another's feet today?

Wednesday, June 3

Romans 12:10b | ...love one another with mutual affection; (devotion)

~ What does mutual affection look like in your life?

Thursday, June 4

Romans 12:10b | ...out do one another in showing honor.

~ Showing honor is not a competition, but rather is an act of respect. Reflect on how you might show honor to another.

Friday, June 5

Romans 12:16 | Live in harmony with one another...

~ Imagine singing in beautiful harmonies. How would your relationships look if they were sung in harmony?

Saturday, June 6

Romans 15:7 | Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

~ Consider all of the ways Christ has welcomed you in your life. Now, in what ways might you welcome others?

Sunday, June 7

Romans 16:16 | Greet one another with a holy kiss.

~ Remember the gentle and authentic holy kisses you received from fellow Christians. How do you greet others? With a genuine look of love?

Monday, June 8

I Thessalonians 5:11 | Therefore, encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

~ In what ways do you encourage and build up others? Who encourages you?

Tuesday, June 9

Colossians 3:16 | Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom...

~ As scripture dwells in us we are more able to teach and correct one another. Are you willing to teach? How might you, in humility and compassion admonish another?

Wednesday, June 10

I Corinthians 12:25 | ...that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another.

~ As disciples we cannot pick and choose whom we care for, tend, protect and encourage. Whom do you need to forgive so there may be no dissension within the body?

Thursday, June 11

Galatians 6:2 | Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

~ In what ways can you bear another's burden? How do you allow others to help you bear your burden?

Friday, June 12

I Thessalonians 3:12 | And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all just as we abound in love for you.

~ The word “abound” gives us the sense of greatness and energy. Paul’s blessing is that we increase and abound in love for one another and all people. How are you increasing and abounding in love for others day by day?

Saturday, June 13

Ephesians 4:1-2a | I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness....

~ Our calling is to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, and we are to be disciples with all humility and gentleness. What does humility and gentleness look like in a world that seeks power and intimidation to gain what it wants?

Sunday, June 14

Ephesians 4:2b-3 | ...with all patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

~ In a culture of “right now” and “immediate” how are you patient in love? What does it feel like to practice patience so that we might maintain unity of the Spirit in peace?

Monday, June 15

Ephesians 4:32a | ...and be kind to one another, tenderhearted...

~ We have choices everyday to be kind and tender in our words, our tone, our actions, or not. When did you last receive kindness and when did you offer kindness to another?

Tuesday, June 16

Ephesians 4:32b | ...forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

~ Forgiveness is not for others, it is for you. When you forgive you release bitterness and anger that eats at your soul. To forgive, you do not have to forget; you only let go of the anger.

Wednesday, June 17

Ephesians 5:21 | Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

~ When we are responsible to other people we offer respect and honor. In what ways are you vulnerable with others?

Thursday, June 18

Romans 14:13 | Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of another.

~ It is so easy to judge others; it happens without us realizing it. What do you need to remember before you pass judgement on another person or situation?

Friday, June 19

Mark 9:50 | Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in ourselves, and be at peace with one another.

~ Salt, in the ancient world was for preserving, giving flavor, healing, a form of payment, essential in the community life of people all over the world. Consider how you at your most salty can be at peace with neighbor.

Saturday, June 20

James 5:16a / Therefore, confess your sins to one another...

~ It is said that confession is good for the soul. Do you have a trusted soul friend to whom you can confess your sins? Are you that safe person for another?

Sunday, June 21

James 15:16b / ...and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.

~ As children of God we are called to pray without ceasing and especially pray for one another. In prayers offered for others we have healing. Who are you praying for now?

Monday, June 22

Hebrews 10:24 / And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds...

~ In what ways are you an example of love and service to others?

Tuesday, June 23

I Peter 4:9 / “Be hospitable to one another without complaining.

~ Hospitality is an ancient practice of grace. Hospitality is an action in which we mirror the holy Trinity in love in all the ways we may practice it. Focus today on being a mirror to God's holy hospitality to us.

Wednesday, June 24

I Peter 4:10 | Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

~ Each one of us is given gifts through the Holy Spirit. They all work together for the good of and to build up the Body of Christ. How are you using your gifts of the Spirit this week?

Thursday, June 25

I Peter 3:8a | Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another...

~ What does unity of spirit look and feel like in a world where everyone wants to be right and there is no space for differing opinions or viewpoints? How can you best express unity in spirit through love for one another?

Friday, June 26

I Peter 3:b | ...a tender heart, and a humble mind.

~ Tenderness of heart and humility in our culture signs of weakness. However, in the life of a disciple they are marks of being a faithful Christian. What do you think about that understanding?

Saturday, June 27

I Thessalonians 5:15 | See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another, and to all.

~ It is easy to want revenge and have 'pay back.' In what ways can we always seek to do good to one another in the midst of challenges and disrupted lives?

Sunday, June 28

I Peter 5:5b | And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another...

~ Here is that word humility again. Now Peter tells us to clothe ourselves with humility when we deal with one another. How does one wear humility and have it not look like pride? What does true humility look like to you and what difference does it make to be humble?

Monday, June 29

Galatians 5:13b | but through love become slaves to one another.

~ In this context, Paul is not talking about losing your free will, but to serve one another with true devotion and love. Paul goes on to say the whole law is summed up in the single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' In what ways can you fulfill this commandment today?

Tuesday, June 30

Galatians 5:26 | Let us not become conceited, competing against one another envying one another.

~ This text draws on previous scriptures addressing humility. When we compete against one another and envy one another what are we saying to the world about followers of Christ?

This prayer calendar is designed to aid you in your daily life of prayer.

Read the scripture for the day over and over, out loud if possible. As you read, listen with an “ear of the heart” to a word or phrase that strikes you.

Reflect on that word or phrase asking yourself the question: “What is God saying to me through this word or phrase at this time?” Spend time in silence with this scripture mulling it over in your mind and heart.

Allow God to speak to you in the silence. Offer a prayer out of your reflection.

Thank God for whatever you received in the silence of your prayer and take that with you through your day.