

# Prayer Calendar

## October 2019

### Living as Ecclesia

The New Testament word for church is “ecclesia” Greek for “called out ones.” This month we explore our covenant together as the “called out ones” vowing to support the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

#### **Tuesday, October 1**

*I Timothy 2:1 | First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.*

~ Jesus, in your name I offer prayer for the people I do not know struggling on the borders, in prison, in poverty, lost and alone.

#### **Wednesday, October 2**

*Colossians 4:2 | Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving.*

~ Lord, help me pray for even those things that are hard and in which I struggle. In everything, help me give thanks for your provision and presence.

#### **Thursday, October 3**

*Ephesians 3:18 | I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, . . . , what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ . . .*

~ Lord Jesus, hear my prayers for those I love:

#### **Friday, October 4**

*Psalm 86:6 | Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.*

~ Holy God, hear my prayers in the depths of my need.

## **Saturday, October 5**

*Ephesians 5:20 | Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. . .*

~ Loving God, I give thanks to you for each and every moment in my life. Today I count my blessings.

## **Sunday, October 6**

*I Thessalonians 5:25 | Beloved, pray for us.*

~ Jesus, hear my prayers for the saints of this church, community and the world-wide church.

## **Monday, October 7**

*John 1:36 | . . . and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”*

~ Lord Jesus, I praise you as the Lord of my life. I know you see my heart and I am loved.

## **PRESENCE**

## **Tuesday, October 8**

*Isaiah 55:6 | Seek the LORD which he may be found, call upon him while he is near. . .*

~ Lord God, I know you are near and I am grateful. I see your work all around me and I am grateful.

## **Wednesday, October 9**

*Isaiah 65:24 | Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.*

~ Holy God, I trust in you with my whole heart knowing you love me.

## **Thursday, October 10**

*Exodus 33:14 | He said, “ My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”*

~ God of Praise, I am grateful that you go with me always: help me to remember to be present to you.

## **Friday, October 11**

*Psalm 16:11 | You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy...*

~ Gracious God, I am grateful for the path of life and the joy of life in you. Help me pay attention today to where you are at work.

## **Saturday, October 12**

*Philippians 4:13 | I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*

~ Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the strength and energy to go through this day.

## **Sunday, October 13**

*Psalm 100:2 | Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.*

~ Lord of All, hear my song of faith and gladness, for I know you are singing into my heart first.

## **Monday, October 14**

*John 1:38 | When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?”*

~ Precious Jesus, I am looking mercy, forgiveness, peace and love. Hear my prayer.

# GIFTS

## Tuesday, October 15

*II Corinthians 8:10 | It is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something – now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means.*

~ Gracious God, make clear to me how I might give with eagerness and joy, knowing that your grace provides all I need.

## Wednesday, October 16

*II Corinthians 8:12 | For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has – not according to what does not have.*

~ Lord, give me a generous spirit and an eagerness to give from my abundance. Help me let go of my fears of not having enough.

## Thursday, October 17

*II Corinthians 9:7 | Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

~ Giving God, give me a spirit of joy in my giving. Reveal to me “enough-ness” in my life and help me live gratefully.

## Friday, October 18

*II Corinthians 9:8 | And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.*

~ Lord Jesus, I count my blessings today and give you thanks. Today I will live with a grateful heart.

## **Saturday, October 19**

*II Corinthians 9:11 | You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.*

~ God, I give you thanks for enabling me to give from my heart in response to your love. I am grateful to know that my giving makes a difference in the life of another.

## **Sunday, October 20**

*II Corinthians 9:13 | . . .you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others. . .*

~ Lord, I give thanks for your goodness to me and this church and those to which we minister.

## **Monday, October 21**

*John 1:39 | He said to them, “Come and see.”*

~ Jesus, I follow you and see your grace. Hear my prayer for hope and give me eyes to see the world as you do – with eyes of compassion and grace.

## **SERVICE**

## **Tuesday, October 22**

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

~ God of grace, show me where and how to serve you today. Jolt me out of my comfortable space and take me by the hand into loving service in your name.

## **Wednesday, October 23**

*I Samuel 2:18 | Samuel, though only a child, was the Lord's helper.*

~ Gracious God, help me be childlike in my service to you, helping with joy and trusting in your leading.

## **Thursday, October 24**

*Isaiah 6:8 | Here I am, send me!*

~ Lord, lead me to where you want me to go in service and witness. Give me the courage to not only step out in faith, but to trust in you.

## **Friday, October 25**

*John 13:15 | For I have set you an example that you also should do as I have done to you.*

~ Lord Jesus, help me follow your humble example of service today by not waiting for a big thing, but to serve in small ways.

## **Saturday, October 26**

*Matthew 25:40 | Truly I tell you just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.*

~ Precious Jesus, help me set aside my fears in serving you. Help me name those fears in serving “the least of these.”

## **Sunday, October 27**

*Colossians 3:2 | As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience.*

~ Lord, give me the qualities to be a servant of yours. Make these qualities come alive in me today.

## **Monday, October 28**

*John 1:42 | He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas.” (Peter/Rock)*

~ Lord Jesus, you brought me to yourself and have named me Beloved. Hear my gratitude as I reflect the name you have given me.

## **WITNESS**

### **Tuesday, October 29**

*I Corinthians 4:1-2 | Think of us in this way, as servant of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.*

~ Lord, help me to be a trustworthy and faithful steward of your grace and witness. Give me wisdom to make good choices.

### **Wednesday, October 30**

*Romans 14:12 | So then, each of us will be accountable to God.*

~ Lord, I confess my sins to you today and know you will be faithful to forgive me.

### **Thursday, October 31**

*Matthew 6:33 | But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

~ Gracious God, help me today to witness your love in everything I say and do and to recognize each creature has worth and value to you.

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.