

# Prayer Calendar

## June 2019

### Relationships

We are created to be in relationship with God and with each other. God is in relationship with God's own self in the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and God is in relationship with humanity and with all creation. Relationships are the foundation of our life in Christ. Each day we will look at a different aspect of relationship with God.

#### **Saturday, June 1**

*Jesus Loves Me* | UMH 191 vs. 1

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

~ Loving Jesus, this song lifts my heart because I know you love me – even me. Help me in my understanding of your great love and grace. Thank you.

#### **Sunday, June 2**

*Jesus Loves Me* | UMH 191 vs. 2

*Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

~ Embracing God, we come to you as children, with our hopes, our dreams, our sorrows and our need. We are grateful that you always embrace us and love us.

## **Monday, June 3**

*Jesus Loves Me | UMH 191 vs. 3*

*Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way, wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

~ Holy One, you walk with us through the dark places of our lives and we are not alone. You guide us and hold us in all circumstances. Thank you.

## **Tuesday, June 4**

*John 15:1 | No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

~ Loving God, when I read these words I am humbled to think that I can be loved that much. Show me how to love like you love.

## **Wednesday, June 5**

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

~ Merciful God, unbind us from our self-centeredness so that we may witness the truth of God that comes from love and forgiveness. You forgive me, I forgive:

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## **Thursday, June 6**

*John 3:16 | For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.*

~ God with us, sometimes when our world is in chaos we wonder where you are and if you care. Help us in our times of unbelief to trust in your love for us.

## **Friday, June 7**

*Proverbs 18:24 | Some friends play at friendship but a true friend sticks closer than one's nearest kin.*

~ Lord, show me how to be a true friend today and remember you are in every friendship holding us together.

## **Saturday, June 8**

*Proverbs 17:17 | A friend loves at all times, and kinsfolk are born to share adversity.*

~ Gracious God, thank you for the friends you have sent my way and their steadfast love and presence. Help me be a true friend today, speaking the truth in love, even in the difficult moments.

## **Sunday, June 9**

*II Corinthians 3:2 | You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all; ...*

~ Lord God, we are witnesses to your love and your presence in the world. Sometimes this is overwhelming and we shrink back in awe. Give us courage to be faithful in our witness of love and grace.

## **Monday, June 10**

*II Corinthians 3:3 | ... and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on the tablets of the human heart.*

~ Holy One, we are the living letter of your heart, in the world. This is an awesome responsibility – help me be faithful to this witness.

## **Tuesday, June 11**

*I Corinthians 16: 1a | Now concerning the collection for the saints...*

~ Lord, it is a privilege to give to sisters and brothers – thank you for supplying our needs so that we may give generously to others in need.

## **Wednesday, June 12**

*Colossians 1:3 | In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...*

~ Loving Father, we are so grateful that we, like Jesus can know you as a beloved parent, not as a fearful judge. Thank you that we can come to you as a child and know you will open your arms to us.

## **Thursday, June 13**

*I Corinthians 16: 13-14 | Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.*

~ Loving Father, as we live day to day help us remember that our strength and courage come from you and that we can do all things through your love.

## **Friday, June 14**

*I Thessalonians 1:1 | Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.*

~ Lord, Paul is grateful for his partners in mission and so am I grateful for those who labor with me in ministry. Thank you for: \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Saturday, June 15**

*I Thessalonians 1: 2 | We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

~ Gracious God, I am grateful that I can pray for others and know that others pray for me. Thank you today for these for whom I pray\_\_\_\_\_.

## **Sunday, June 16**

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

~ Lord, we are called to pray for one another so that we may be strengthened in the faith. Today I pray for: \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Monday, June 17**

*I Timothy 1:2 | To Timothy, my loyal child in the faith. Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.*

~ Lord, you give us spiritual mothers and fathers to nurture and encourage us. Thank you for those persons in my life that are mothers and fathers in the faith. I name them in love today:

## **Tuesday, June 18**

*Micah 6: 8 | He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and walk humbly with your God?*

~ Lord, because we are yours you want what is best for us. Keep before me, each day this humble task of doing justice, practicing loving kindness and walking in humility with you.

## **Wednesday, June 19**

*I Peter 4:8 | Above all maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.*

~ Loving God, you call us to love you and to love neighbor. Today help me put aside differences and judgments and forgive others in love.

## **Thursday, June 20**

*Psalm 37:23-24 | Our steps are made firm by the LORD, when he delights in our way, though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong, for the LORD holds us by the hand.*

~ Father, you delight in us and hold us upright as a parent holds a child. I am grateful that you catch me before I fall and you walk beside me.

## **Friday, June 21**

*Isaiah 58:9 | Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say, here I am.*

~ Holy God, I know as I call out to you in sorrow, in need, in the midst of our fears that you are with me – you are as close as my very breath. Keep me confident and secure that you are with me.

## **Saturday, June 22**

*Isaiah 43:1 | But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel; Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.*

~ God, You and you alone are my creator and you will give me strength not to fear. Sometimes fear holds me, yet you assure me not to be afraid. Today I give you my fears: \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Sunday, June 23**

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

~ Loving God, you have given us each other to care for and to love, so we share sorrows and troubles, giving one another encouragement. Today, I lift up \_\_\_\_\_ who is burdened with many sorrows. Show me how to help bear the burden with \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Monday, June 24**

*Philippians 1:9 | ... and this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight....*

~ God of Love, as we love you and love neighbor teach me how I may know you in a deeper way so that I may love others through your Holy Spirit and not in my own power or will.

## **Tuesday, June 25**

*Colossians 1:9 | In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the saints...*

~ God of Life, you call us to pray for your church and for all believers all over the world to uphold them and encourage them to be strong in their faith and service. Thank you for Christians, near and far. I am thankful for: \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Wednesday, June 26**

*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.*

~ Jesus, you command us to love one another in the same way you love us. Sometimes that is overwhelming – how can I do that? Give me the spirit to love even when I am afraid or do not think that I am able. Thank you for showing us how to love one another.

## **Thursday, June 27**

*John 13:35 | By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*

~ Lord, we are your witnesses on earth. Show us daily how to reflect your love in small and large ways. Help us witness your grace, forgiveness, compassion and love in our ordinary living in our everyday tasks.

## **Friday, June 28**

*Zephaniah 3:20 | At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.*

~ Merciful God, your promises are true for you love us and want us to be whole and redeemed. We know your desire is for us to be your witnesses in our ordinary lives.

## **Saturday, June 29**

*John 15: 4 | Abide in me as I abide in you.*

~ God of Love, you call us to abide, to live in you! Show us through your love and action in our lives how to abide in you every day.

## Sunday, June 30

*John 14:1 | Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.*

~ Lord Jesus, when we know you, we know God. Help us as we seek to know you more deeply and love you more fully.

All scripture is taken from The Common English Bible (CEB)

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.

