

Prayer Calendar

June 2018

Spiritual Gift of Leadership

“We have been given our gifts to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of Jesus, to maturity, to be like Christ.”

Friday, June 1

Read Exodus 18: 1-24

~ Holy God, so much of the time we think we can do everything ourselves and we wear ourselves out and lose heart. Help us today to ask for help.

Saturday, June 2

Read Exodus 18: 1-24

~ God of Grace, you raise up those who have the gifts of leadership and we are grateful. Today I lift up _____. Bless them in their service of leadership in your kingdom.

Sunday, June 3

Read Exodus 18: 1-24

~ God, give us the grace to listen to those loving and prudent voices that can see what we cannot see and whom can guide us with wisdom.

Monday, June 4

Numbers 1:2, 18 |Take a census of the whole congregation of Israelites...and on the first day of the second month they assembled the whole

congregation together. They registered themselves in their clans....

~ Father, it seems that sometimes the tasks that you give us are so difficult and so overwhelming that we cannot even get started. Give us insight for what we can do today and whom we should ask for help.

Tuesday, June 5

Numbers 1:19b | ...as the LORD commanded Moses. So he enrolled them in the wilderness of Sinai.

~ Holy One, show us what we need strength for immediately and what we can place in your keeping for another time. Help us today to set aside anxiety and trust that you are with us.

Wednesday, June 6

Numbers 10: 31 | (Moses said), “Do not leave us, for you know where we should camp in the wilderness, and you will serve as eyes for us.”

~ Lord, you give us guides that help us with the “lay of the land” and we are grateful. Today we lift up _____ who are like spiritual guides for us.

Thursday, June 7

Numbers 11:13, 14 | (Moses said to God), “Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me.”

~ God of All, at times, our church leaders are like Moses and become overwhelmed by the burdens of leadership and they cry out. Help us realize ways to help our leaders and help them with their burdens. Today we pray for _____.

Friday, June 8

Numbers 17:8 | When Moses went into the tent of the covenant on the next day, the staff of Aaron for the house of Levi had sprouted. It put forth buds, produced blossoms, and bore ripe almonds.

~ Good Lord, you gave good gifts of grace and a special calling to Aaron. Show us and help us recognize the spiritual gifts that you have given to us so that we may use them in your kingdom.

Saturday, June 9

Jeremiah 24: 7 | I will give them a heart to know that I am the LORD; and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart.

~ Gracious God, when we recognize that you are the Lord of our whole lives and our whole hearts, then we abide within your heart. We pray for all our leaders to return to God with their whole hearts.

Sunday, June 10

Jeremiah 29: 11 | For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

~ God of Love, we like to make our own plans and then consult you when things go wrong or when we are lost. Forgive us. Help us to know that when we turn to you for wisdom and insight you are faithful to lead us.

Monday, June 11

Acts 13: 2 | While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

~ God of All, help us listen to the call of the Holy Spirit and respond with hope and encouragement those you have set apart for your work. Is it I, Lord?

Tuesday, June 12

Acts 13:3 | Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

~ God of Love, lead us to faithfully pray for God to set apart and empower leaders for our church. Today we give thanks for those leaders whom you will set apart for leadership.

Wednesday, June 13

Matthew 7:12 | In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

~ Lord Jesus, as leaders it is important to remember to always treat others with concern and respect, even when we disagree we can be agreeable.

Thursday, June 14

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

~ Jesus, when we lean on you, when we offer ourselves without reservation, when we listen in our prayers, we are strengthened and renewed by your love and grace.

Friday, June 15

Isaiah 41:10a | ...do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God.

~ Great God, It is so easy to fall into fear for we live in a fear-filled and anxious world. Help us remember today, that you are always with us and that living in fear is not living in faith.

Saturday, June 16

Isaiah 41: 10b | I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

~ Loving God, how easy it is to forget your presence when we are filled with fear and are anxious. We remember today that you call us to strength and assurance that you are with us.

Sunday, June 17

Matthew 23:11 | The greatest among you will be your servant.

~ Lord Jesus, it is humbling to remember that your leaders are not to be served, but to serve, following your example of servant leadership.

Monday, June 18

Romans 8:28 | We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

~ Jesus, sometimes in the middle of difficulty it is hard to see how things can work together for good because we do not trust in your grace or provision. Help us today to set aside our fear and fully trust you.

Tuesday, June 19

Psalms 37:5 | Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

~ Guiding Lord, it seems that we are a people with amnesia for we forget to trust you in all things. Help us remember how you go before us and lead us and are acting in our lives now.

Wednesday, June 20

Psalms 46:10 | "Be still, and know that I am God!"

~ God, like small children we wiggle and fret when we do not know what to do. Help us, today, to be still before you; to quiet ourselves so that we may listen for your voice in our lives.

Thursday, June 21

Galatians 6:9 | So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.

~ Living God, we do grow tired, at times, doing your work, serving you and leading your people. Give us a glimpse today of where you are at work so that we may be encouraged.

Friday, June 22

Proverbs 4:23 | Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

~ Gracious God, keep us from corruption, temptation and the need for power and fame. Help us remember that our spiritual condition is revealed in our actions.

Saturday, June 23

Psalms 78:72 | With upright heart he tended them, and guided them with skillful hand.

~ Father, give us upright hearts as we serve you and your kingdom as faithful servant leaders. Help us remember that it is you that guides and not us alone.

Sunday, June 24

Philippians 2:3 | Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.

~ Holy One, as leaders sometimes we fail. Help us to see our own vulnerability and growing edges that we may serve you with humble hearts.

Monday, June 25

Psalm 32:8 | I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go, I will counsel you with my eye upon you...

~ Loving God, we are grateful when you call us and you equip for your service us through your guidance and love. Help us pay attention to your teachings.

Tuesday, June 26

Proverbs 22:29 | Do you see those who are skillful in their work? They will serve kings;

~ Holy Spirit, keep us learning, keep us faithful to become more and more skilled at what you have called us to do as your leaders. We give you thanks that we can keep growing and learning.

Wednesday, June 27

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

~ Loving God, at times we take prayer for granted. Keep us alert to pray and be in prayer, not for our own sakes, but for the sake of the kingdom of God. Today we give thanks for: ____-

Thursday, June 28

Colossians 4:3 | At the same time pray for us as well that God will open to us a door for the word...

~ Faithful God, today we pray for the leaders of our small groups and Sunday School Classes. Give them insight into your leading through the Holy Spirit.

Friday, June 29

Colossians 4:5 | Conduct yourselves wisely towards outsiders, making the most of the time.

~ God of Life, how easy it is to forget that others can see Christ in us. When we forget who we belong to, we can influence others in harmful ways.

Saturday, June 30

Colossians 4: 6 | Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone.

~ Lord, as your faithful leaders help us remember to keep watch over what we say for our words reflect your action in our lives. Our words can lift up or wound. Help speak words of grace and joy.

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.