

Prayer Calendar

September 2019

Drawing Closer to God

As the school year starts we will focus on ways to draw close to God and we will pray for the teachers and staff of our Day School. Each day lift up those who love, guide, teach and inspire the youngest among us and give thanks for their lives and ministry.

Sunday, September 1

Psalm 46:1 | Be still, and know that I am God.

~ Holy God, I am like a wiggling child unwilling to trust you and be still. Help me today to still my heart and my body and listen to you. Thank you for: The children of our Day School.

Monday, September 2

Psalm 4:8 | I will lie down and fall asleep in peace because you alone, LORD let me live in safety.

~ Loving God, I trust you to hear the cries of my heart and my hurt and pain. As I breathe deeply I release my fears to you today. Thank you for: The parents and families of our children in our Day School

Tuesday, September 3

Matthew 14:23 | ...he went up the mountain by himself to pray.

~ Loving Jesus, sometimes I am too busy to pray; its hard to be by myself. But, you found a way to be alone with God. Help me find a way, too. Thank you for: Dorothy Hargrave Teacher's Aide

Wednesday, September 4

Psalm 6: 9 | The LORD has listened to my request. The LORD accepts my prayer.

~ Gracious God, You listen to me, now still my heart and my mind and help me listen to you. As I slowly breathe in and out I know you are with me in this moment. Thank you for: Tamra Butler, Young One's Teacher

Thursday, September 5

James 4: 8a | Draw close to God, and God will draw close to you.

~ Loving God, in the busyness of the day, help me remember to pay attention to your presence. Help me breathe in your goodness. Thank you for: Amanda Cook, Motor Skills

Friday, September 6

John 10:27 | My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

~ Gentle Shepherd, sometimes your voice is a whisper; quite my heart and mind so that I may listen to you in the ordinary of the day. Thank you for: Judy Thompson and Teacher Aide, Extended Care Director

Saturday, September 7

Psalm 9:1 | I will thank you, LORD, with all my heart; I will talk about all your wonderful acts.

~ Giving God, Today I will express gratitude for each experience, each person I meet and every breath I take, knowing I am yours and that you love me. Thank you for: Fran Traugott, PreK Teacher

Sunday, September 8

Psalm 10:17 | LORD, you listen to the desires of those who suffer. You steady their hearts; you listen closely to them to establish justice...

~ Christ Jesus, I lift up to you today those who suffer. The orphan and the oppressed:

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Thank you for: Kathy Hatcher, Asst. Director

Monday, September 9

Psalm 9:1 | I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders.

~ Loving God, I do take you for granted, I do forget to praise your works and honor you. Today I will praise you and share the glory of your creation. Thank you for: Beth MacKenzie, Kindergarten Teacher

Tuesday, September 10

Psalm 12:7 | You LORD, will keep us, protecting us from this generation forever.

~ Gracious God, in the large and small ordinariness of life you are present. Today give me awareness of your presence and compassion as you care for all as I pray for children without shelter in our community. Thank you for: Debra Garrett, Adventure Day Teacher

Wednesday, September 11

Psalm 13:3a | Look at me! Answer me, LORD my God! Restore sight to my eyes!

~ My God, Do you really see me? Am I important to you? Let me see and be aware of your presence in my life. Let me see others that are unseen as I pray for them: -----.

Thank you for: Claudia and John Valencia,
Janitors

Thursday, September 12

Colossians 3:13 | ...forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

~ Forgiving God, thank you for the gift of forgiveness. Help me forgive today. Show me how not to hold on to bitterness. This is hard. Thank you for: DeeDee Jones, Two's Teacher and Aide

Friday, September 13

Psalms 51: 10 | Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

~ Gracious God, through forgiveness I can be restored. Through your love I can be renewed.

Thank you for: Stacey Aden, Wed. Motor Skills Teacher/Aide

Saturday, September 14

Psalms 16: 5 | You, LORD, are my portion, my cup; you control my destiny.

~ Loving God, I am confident and assured that I don't have to control everything because you are leading me as I trust you. Today I let go of: _____.

Thank you for: Carol Luft, Office Manager

Sunday, September 15

1 John 3:1 | See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.

~ Holy One, Today I give you my deepest needs, my longings and desires and I am confident that you will listen as a loving parent. Thank you for: Amanda Williamson, Three's Teacher

Monday, September 16

Psalm 18:1 | The LORD is my solid rock, my fortress, rescuer. My God is my rock – I take refuge in him! – he's my shield, my salvation's strength, my place of safety.

~ My Rock, Whatever trials I face, I cling to you and know that you hold me. Thank you for: Cindi Villarrubia, Discovery Day Teacher and Aide.

Tuesday, September 17

Psalm 19:14 | Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing to you, LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

~ Blessed Redeemer, you know every word I speak and every thought I have. I will be aware of every word and thought today honoring you. Thank you for: Wanda Walker, Director

Wednesday, September 18

John 15:5 | I am the vine, you are the branches...

~ Dear Jesus, I depend on you to lead and guide me and I trust that you have placed goodness and mercy in my heart and mind. Today this is what is on my heart: _____.

Thank you for: Shannon DeBord, Aide

Thursday, September 19

Psalm 21:6 | You grant me blessings forever; you make me happy with the joy of your presence.

~ God of Love, I am blessed in the large and small, in the ordinary and extraordinary, in the open and in the closed, in the hope and the despair. I am blessed and through those blessings I find happiness that is not of this time and place but of your kingdom. Thank you for: Kathy Cameron, Kindergarten Aide

Friday, September 20

Psalm 22:1 | My God! My God, why have you left me all alone? Why are you so far from saving me – so far from my anguished groans?

~ Abba, This is the prayer of your son Jesus from the cross. I remember in the depths of my own pain, his pain. Jesus trusted you, but in his humanity cried out – and even as I trust, I cry out. Do you hear? Thank you for: Frances McDougal, Aide

Saturday, September 21

Psalm 27:14 | Wait for the Lord;

~ Loving God, you tell me to wait for you, but waiting is hard. Wait with me. Show me when it is time to go forward and when it is time to stop. Thank you for: Anne DeBord, Aide

Sunday, September 22

Psalm 27:14 | ...be strong, and let your heart take courage: wait for the LORD!

~ Holy One, give me the strength and courage I lack to wait and listen for your leading. Then give me the courage to step out in faith and follow you. Thank you for: Tracy Michaud, Three's Teacher/Aide

Monday, September 23

Psalm 23:1 | The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

~ Good Shepherd, I live in abundance and yet at times I can see only scarcity. Help me today to see that I lack for nothing because of your provision. I count my blessings:

Thank you for: Bob Luft, Maintenance

Tuesday, September 24

Psalm 105:4 | Seek the LORD and his strength...

~ Holy God, Help me to let go of trying to control every outcome. Help me to seek out the strength that comes from you and not myself. Thank you for: Angie Trahan, Three's Teacher/Aide

Wednesday, September 25

Psalm 23: 4a | Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no danger because you are with me.

~ Peaceful Shepherd, I know there are dark places in my life. I know that sometimes I walk in darkness. I know you are with me, even if I cannot see you – I can see your work in my life. Today I breathe in trust and breathe out fear. I breathe in light and breathe out darkness. Thank you for: Greer Winslett, PreK Teacher

Thursday, September 26

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

~ Giving God, you have given me gifts to use to build up the church. Show me how to serve you and others by using my gifts. Thank you for: Penny Simpson, Aide

Friday, September 27

1 Thessalonians 5:11 | Therefore encourage one another and build up each other...

~ Holy One, Give me the will to encourage not discourage others. Help me find words and actions of inspiration, love and hope. Today I will encourage____. Thank you for: Lisa Dinning, Pre-K Teacher

Saturday, September 28

Luke 6:35 | But love your enemies, do good...

~ God of All Love, some people and groups of people are hard for me to love. Help me set aside my fears and see their goodness through your eyes. Today I pray for: _____.

Thank you for: Terri Wheeler, PreK Teacher

Sunday, September 29

Psalms 23:6 | Yes, goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the LORD'S house as long as I live.

~ Loving Shepherd, you promise that your love and goodness will pursue me always. Thank you. I will dwell with you and you will dwell with me. Thank you.

Thank you for: Kristine Strohmaier, Toddler One's Teacher

Monday, September 30

John 1:1 | In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and Word was God.

~ Holy God, I sit in stillness and awe of your love and grace that comes to us through Christ Jesus. Thank you for: Judy Keener, Two's Teacher.

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.

