

May 2018

DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR

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The Upper Room, a daily devotional guide for United Methodists, provides a devotional reading for each of the days of May that goes with each of the Scripture readings and prayers on this month's prayer calendar. The devotional for each day will enrich your quiet time with the Lord in the month of May.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<p>1 <i>Psalm 37:1-9</i> Even though it seems that the wicked prosper and the righteous struggle, I still tend to fret and worry. Forgive me, Lord, when I forget that you are in control. Clear my mind of all distractions so I can fix my eyes intently on you.</p>	<p>2 <i>1 Corinthians 12:21-25</i> Lord, you have given each of your children purpose. One is no greater than the other. All are important. Help me not look down on those who are different, aren't as educated, who I don't understand, who hold a "lesser" job than me. All of your creation are loved and have purpose.</p>	<p>3 <i>Matthew 6:16-18</i> Lord, help me to remain humble as I follow you. When I fast or pray or serve others for your sake, help me to reflect you. Let my intentions be to glorify you and not myself.</p>	<p>4 <i>Jeremiah 31:15-17</i> Help me to be faithful Lord, in times of suffering, in times of chaos and confusion. Remind me that my strength and hope and joy come from you. You are faithful. You are my refuge.</p>	<p>5 <i>Psalm 63:1-11</i> I seek you, Lord, with my whole heart. Regardless of where I am or what I am doing, you are with me. Help me to remember this when I am confronted with the challenges of life.</p>
<p>6 <i>Matthew 4:1-11</i> Father, I have been on many journeys in the wilderness. While each are very different, all have been difficult, challenging and tested my faith. The choices I have made come down to answering a simple question, "Whom do I serve?" Help me to always find the answer in you, rather than myself.</p>	<p>7 <i>Jeremiah 29:10-14</i> Father, you know me and the plans for my future. May I seek you with all of my heart that I might find hope and joy for my life.</p>	<p>8 <i>James 5:13-18</i> God, show me how to put my faith into action. So often I feel like I am sitting on the sidelines waiting for something. Give me the strength to live by faith. Show me where you want to use me. I want to be your hands and feet in your world.</p>	<p>9 <i>2 Timothy 3:14-17</i> Thank you, Lord, for the gift of your inspired word and its ability to teach me truth and life. It guides me and makes my path straight. It warns me of paths which are destructive and separate me from you. Your word is the foundation I can trust to build my life on.</p>	<p>10 <i>Isaiah 40:25-31</i> For many different reasons, I get weary, tired, and weak at times. Help me to trust in you, Lord, and be renewed with strength to face all situations. Help me to be faithful.</p>	<p>11 <i>Lamentations 3:22-24</i> You, O God, are where we need to put our hope. You are always there. Your unending love and mercy are always available to us.</p>	<p>12 <i>Genesis 12:1-10</i> Help us, Lord, to listen to your call on our lives. Help us to always seek your direction in everything we do.</p>
<p>13 <i>Psalm 146:1-10</i> Lord, you are a mighty God...a God that we need to trust and follow...a God who keeps his promises and saves us...a God who will lead us in every aspect of our lives, if we will only let you.</p>	<p>14 <i>Matthew 13:1-23</i> God, we are a people who have heard your message. You have told us everything we need in order to live an abundant life and to have ultimate salvation. Now help us be people who follow your message.</p>	<p>15 <i>Ephesians 4:20-32</i> O God, when you are a part of our life, we become a different person. We want to make you a part of everything we do. Help us to follow your teachings and to become the people you want us to be.</p>	<p>16 <i>Psalm 84</i> Time spent with you, Lord, is such a blessing. The more time that I spend with you, the more I learn...the more I trust...the more I want to follow you. Help me every day to make you a part of all I do.</p>	<p>17 <i>Galatians 6:1-10</i> Help me, O Lord, to love you with all my heart and soul. Help me to be a servant and to help others in any way that I can. You, O Lord, have shown me what I need to do and are such a blessing to me. Help me to be a blessing to others and reflect you in all I do.</p>	<p>18 <i>Luke 15:11-21</i> God, I admit today, that I have sinned and have fallen short of the person I need to be. I ask for your forgiveness and I know that your grace is there for me. Going forward, help me in all that I do to honor you.</p>	<p>19 <i>Psalm 119:105-112</i> O God, your words are there to guide me, but sometimes I stray from what you have asked me to do. Help me call upon you in all that I do so that I make the right decisions, and choose the right paths. I know that by following you I will enjoy all the days of my life.</p>
<p>20 <i>Mark 7:31-37</i> I ask for healing, but help me always want the Healer more. As much as I want to be saved, help me want the Savior more. Help me always, Lord, to want you more than anything.</p>	<p>21 <i>Hebrews 13:1-8</i> Jesus, you are always the same to us, yesterday, today, and forever. Thank you for your instructions to us in Scripture. Help us to show hospitality, to welcome and love the stranger, those different from us in appearance, attitude, politics, or persuasion. Teach us to love as you do.</p>	<p>22 <i>John 14:1-6</i> Today we pray and imagine the wonder of our Father's house. Jesus, show us the way! Keep your promise here in our hearts, that you are preparing our eternal home. To feel the warmth, the peace, the fulfillment of being at home in you—Jesus, let that feeling guide us today.</p>	<p>23 <i>Genesis 18:23-33</i> Lord, you are justice, but you are also mercy. Give us the courage of Abraham—that great example of faith in you—to ask boldly in prayer to you. We know that you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, so hear our cries for mercy for a hurting world.</p>	<p>24 <i>Joshua 1:1-18</i> God of everlasting faithfulness, thank you for our leaders. While leaders and guides come and go, you remain watchful over us. Help us to hear your call on new leaders, maybe even a call on us ourselves, so that we may always rely on you.</p>	<p>25 <i>Psalm 46:1-7</i> God, it seems the world is constantly giving way around us. In the news, at work, and at home, waters roar and foam, yet we do not fear. For you are our stronghold. Swing wide the door, extend your hand to us, that we may be carried safe in your embrace.</p>	<p>26 <i>Matthew 7:1-5</i> Jesus, how tempting it is to pluck out specks in others, but how comfortable the plank is in us! We judge others by their actions, but us by our intentions. Jesus, search our hearts; help us to remove all that blinds or distracts us, so that we may help others to do the same.</p>
<p>27 <i>1 Peter 5:6-11</i> God, humble us today. Show us that it is your power within us, your Spirit that fills our breath, and your grace that sustains us. Remind us that we cannot climb up to you on our own, but it is your mighty hand that lifts us up, when we in humility seek you.</p>	<p>28 <i>Jeremiah 17:5-8</i> Again today, Lord, we pray not to lean on our own ability, but on yours alone. Like Jeremiah, who withstood ridicule, darkness, and exile, let us trust in you. Either in tempest or drought, you anchor us and give us strength.</p>	<p>29 <i>Matthew 5:1-12</i> Jesus, your blessings are so different from the world's blessings. Bless us in poverty, when the world only heeds wealth. Bless us with meekness and mercy, when the world knows only force. And bless us in making peace, when it is easier to divide and conquer.</p>	<p>30 <i>Luke 11:1-13</i> Father in heaven, you are so good to us. Stir in us boldness to ask and receive, seek and find, knock and enter. When we would rather approach you in fear or shame, remind us that you have given us a spirit of power and love.</p>	<p>31 <i>Philippians 2:1-11</i> How great an example you are, Lord Jesus! You emptied yourself for us, followed God in perfect obedience, and offered God's glory to us. Keep these verses in our heart today, so that we can use our own imprint of God in us for the service and sake of others.</p>	<p>PRAYER WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE...</p> <p>PRAY ANYTIME, ANYWHERE!</p>	