

# September 2018

## DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR

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The September prayers have been written by Adult Ministries.

The Upper Room, a daily devotional guide for United Methodists, provides a devotional reading for each of the days of September 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 September.



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| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
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| <p><b>30</b> <i>Deuteronomy 10:12-22</i><br/>God, every person is a precious child created in your image. We confess that we don't easily see the world that way, but often through the lens of border, class, race, nationality. Lord, we hear your commandment to love the immigrant and stranger and to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you as we do our best to serve all.</p>   | <p><b>PRAYER WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE...</b></p> <p><b>PRAY ANYTIME, ANYWHERE!</b></p>   |   |  |  |  | <p><b>1</b> <i>Matthew 15:29-39</i><br/>What is impossible for me to accomplish is very possible for you, O Lord. Usually my first thought is to rely on my own abilities rather than to listen to you in complete faith. Help me to not only hear you, but to follow you as well, for you are the one who makes it possible for a mute to speak, the lame to walk and the blind to see.</p>   |
| <p><b>2</b> <i>Isaiah 59:8-10</i><br/>Lord, I do feel at times that I walk around stumbling in the dark to find my way. I wonder where you are in my life. I wonder if you hear my prayers. Help me right now to submit my life to you. Help me give up control of my life and trust in you. Open my eyes and help me to see you.</p>   | <p><b>3</b> <i>Thessalonians 5:16-18</i><br/>It is not always easy to follow you, Lord. When someone wrongs me, I want to repay the wrong. Yet that is not the way you tell me to live. You say I should strive to do what is good for others. Help me, Lord, to have compassion and empathy for others. Help me to truly care for others, even when I want to do the opposite.</p>   | <p><b>4</b> <i>1 John 4:7-12</i><br/>Yesterday the Scripture challenged me to not repay a wrong with a wrong, but to strive to do what is good for others. Today the Scripture tells me to love others, for love comes from God. By loving others, I experience you, O God, for you are love! The love I give to others must be completely unconditional, just as you have unconditionally loved me.</p>                            | <p><b>5</b> <i>Acts 28:1-10</i><br/>To love and follow you, O God, is definitely an adventure filled with exciting and challenging moments. I pray that today's journey would be one where I am able to care for those around me, to pray for their healing, and to be a light that directs them to you.</p>   | <p><b>6</b> <i>2 Samuel 7:23-29</i><br/>Lord, today I must remain steadfast in my faith. It can be very easy to get lost in the craziness of the world and lose sight of you. O God, you remain faithful to your covenant and to your children. In the midst of confusion and chaos, I pray for your peace and wisdom.</p>   | <p><b>7</b> <i>Daniel 2:19-23</i><br/>It is my prayer, Lord, to be still and hear your voice. Help me to understand your wisdom and discern your knowledge. Then guide my feet as I try to follow you.</p>   | <p><b>8</b> <i>Luke 5:33-38</i><br/>To fully give myself to you, O Lord, my mind must be renewed. It would be impossible to follow you if I continue to live and think as I used to. As this Scripture points out, new wine must be poured into new wineskins.</p>   |
| <p><b>9</b> <i>Nehemiah 12:31-43</i><br/>Thank you, Jesus, for the gift of music when we lift your name in praise. Worship amplifies our sensitivity to the voice of your spirit as you speak your word to our hearts and souls. Like Nehemiah, we pray that our worship will be authentic and pleasing in thy sight.</p>   | <p><b>10</b> <i>Job 42:1-5</i><br/>Sometimes it's hard to see how you are moving in my life, Lord. Your purpose for me remains a mystery. I fret, worry, and question your ways. Forgive my doubt and give me faith that allows the completion of your purpose in my life.</p>  | <p><b>11</b> <i>Matthew 10:40-42</i><br/>Help me, O God, to be a giver, to be a part of organizations or movements that are for good. Guide me to those I can help so I can show them who you are.</p>  | <p><b>12</b> <i>Psalms 5:1-7</i><br/>I am not worthy of you, O Lord, but because of your love and because of your grace, I am your child. I believe in you. Today, lead me to do your will. Make your way plain for me to follow.</p>  | <p><b>13</b> <i>Exodus 16:1-8</i><br/>So many times, Lord, I complain about where I am in life; about the things I have and the situation I am in. I often do not realize all the many blessings that you give me. Help me to look past my current situation and realize what a blessed individual I am. Thank you, Lord, for being part of my life and for being there for me.</p>  | <p><b>14</b> <i>Matthew 6:5-13</i><br/>Help me, O Lord, to be in continual prayer with you. Let me pray to you like I would talk with a friend. Let me be totally open and honest. Let me listen for your response. Guide me today, Lord, in everything that I do. Be by my side. Be with me in my actions and my thoughts.</p>  | <p><b>15</b> <i>1 Peter 1:3-9</i><br/>Thank you, God, for you Son, Jesus, who is my salvation. As I face life here on earth with all of its ups and downs, help me to never lose sight of your Son, Jesus, and what he has done for me. It is through him that I have salvation; it is through him that I have life everlasting.</p>   |
| <p><b>16</b> <i>Jeremiah 29:12-14</i><br/>O Lord, you have a plan for my life. I know I sometimes stray from that plan, but you continue to bring me back onto the course you want me to follow - if I will only listen to you. Today, help me listen for your voice and your guidance. Help me to live out the plan that you specifically have for my life.</p>  | <p><b>17</b> <i>Psalms 32:6-11</i><br/>In time of trouble, I try so many times to work it out by myself. Help me, O Lord, to call upon you to help me through life. Help me to pray and to talk to you in my time of need. Help me to trust you, Lord, and know that you will protect me with your constant love.</p>   | <p><b>18</b> <i>James 3:3-13</i><br/>Help me, O Lord, to think about the things I say. Help me to hesitate before I speak. Help me to have a pure heart that is guided by you so when I speak, they are words of kindness, of love, of forgiveness, and of peace.</p>   | <p><b>19</b> <i>Luke 12:6-7</i><br/>O Lord, you created me. You brought me into being. Help me to know how you value me and the worth that I have. Every day, help me to know your love, your forgiveness, your grace. Because I am your creation, mold me into the individual that you want me to be.</p>   | <p><b>20</b> <i>Numbers 6:22-27</i><br/>In the midst of life, O Lord, you are there. You bless me and you take care of me. You are kind to me and you are gracious. You look upon me with favor, and you bring me peace.</p>   | <p><b>21</b> <i>Matthew 25:14-30</i><br/>God, you are the giver of every good gift - gifts we often want to hoard. You have blessed us so that we can be a blessing to others, but many times we are held back by fear. Release us, Lord, from this fear so we can truly serve you. Help us be good stewards of your gifts so that we might build up the kingdom of God.</p>   | <p><b>22</b> <i>Galatians 6:7-10</i><br/>Lord, you created the heavens and earth and you filled it with your divine handiwork. The greatest of these creations was us, made in your divine image and deeply loved by you. But Lord, we don't always live into that divine image. Forgive us of our sins. Forgive us when we don't faithfully attend to the harvest you have laid before us. Help us support one another, both inside and outside the church.</p> |
| <p><b>23</b> <i>1 Kings 19:11-13</i><br/>Lord, in the chaos in our lives and in our world today, it can be ever more difficult to hear you. Help us to remember that you oftentimes speak out of the silence into our lives. Help us to not just carve out time in our day to hear you, but to live a lifestyle that is constantly in connection with your voice. And Lord, when you call, give us the grace and courage to follow you.</p> | <p><b>24</b> <i>Proverbs 3:27-29</i><br/>God, you created us for community. It's easier to know your nature when we look into the eyes of others and see them the way that you see them. Often we grow tired of living in community and are tempted to do things on our own, in our own way. We neglect the needs of others when it is convenient to do so. Lord help us always meet the needs of others and love them as you do.</p> | <p><b>25</b> <i>Titus 2:11-14</i><br/>O God, your great love for us is shown in how you died for us while we were yet sinners. Your grace gives us salvation. Even though we often fall short, help us remember that there is nothing we can do to earn your love. However, you desire for us to live lives holy and set apart so that others may see your glory. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and empower us for holy living.</p> | <p><b>26</b> <i>Psalms 100:3-5</i><br/>O God, we often don't give you the praise and glory you deserve for all you have done for us. You created us, set us free from slavery in Egypt and set us free from the law of sin and death when you died for us. Your resurrection raised all of us into the life abundant. We praise you, Almighty God, for all of the wonderful deeds you have done, are doing, and will do in the future.</p> | <p><b>27</b> <i>Acts 2:44</i><br/>Lord, in our day and age, we often see our family as those with whom we share genetics and name. However, through our baptism, all Christians are together in the body of Christ, which is, at its core, a family whose bonds are stronger than blood or name. Help us remember to treat each other like family and to build one another up, as we journey together to perfection in love.</p> | <p><b>28</b> <i>Philippians 4:18-20</i><br/>God, you have blessed us in many ways that we can't understand. We've received many good gifts as blessings to be given and shared with others. However, we know it's in our nature to not be satisfied with what we have, but to want more. Help us, O Lord, to give so abundantly that our desire for more is replaced by our desire to give. Thank you for the ability to live a generous life.</p> | <p><b>29</b> <i>Ecclesiastes 3:1-11</i><br/>Lord, just as you created the seasons on our planet, you also created the seasons of our lives - seasons that are sometimes painful, sometimes filled with joy. Help us to receive the season we are in; accept changes; and learn all that you are teaching us as parents, children, friends and loved ones come and go in our lives. Help us have your joy through all these seasons.</p>                          |