

# October 2018

## DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR

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The October prayers have been written by Care Ministries.

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



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p><b>1</b> <i>Isaiah 53:1-10</i> Dear Father, we are thankful and humbled as we read this astounding prophesy from Isaiah. To describe the future Messiah in such profound and perfect words reminds us of what we have been given. What can we say to such love? How will we respond to Him?</p>	<p><b>2</b> <i>Psalms 57:8-11</i> Dear Lord, as I awake and read this Psalm, it gives me joy. It is a song for my soul. Your faithfulness deserves our praise no matter our situation. Prepare me for this day, Lord, as I give you thanks.</p>	<p><b>3</b> <i>1 Timothy 4:7-10</i> Than you, Father, for imprinting your spiritual promises of the life that now is and is to come on my heart to become a part of my daily life. What a blessing to know you are faithful, even when I stray. I desire to keep my eyes always on you.</p>	<p><b>4</b> <i>Isaiah 40:27-31</i> Thank you God for the strength you provide every time I turn to you. You never wear out and your faithfulness never wavers. The more I turn to you in faith to wait and watch for your answer, the more sure I become that you will be with me all the way. I can choose hope instead of anxiety.</p>	<p><b>5</b> <i>Romans 8:37-39</i> Jesus, thank you for showing us that nothing you created can separate us from your love. Thank you for always being with us through all the smooth roads as well as the lumps that will sometimes test our strength.</p>	<p><b>6</b> <i>1 Samuel 16:1-12</i> Lord, we live in a world that values outward appearances, seldom looking beneath the surface to what you value - that which is in our hearts. Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. I want to see others through your eyes. Give me compassion to speak softly, to listen with an open mind, to refrain from finding fault, so that others may see you through me.</p>
<p><b>7</b> <i>1 Chronicles 28:1-10</i> Just as God tasked Solomon with building a temple for the Israelites, he uses us to fulfill his work in the world today. We may not be chosen for something as grand as Solomon, but we are nonetheless as necessary to his purpose. What could we accomplish if we put aside our own agenda and started each day by asking, "God, how may I serve you today?"</p>	<p><b>8</b> <i>Lamentations 3:18-26</i> Lord, fill me with hope. Let me put aside my past failures and sins which can overwhelm me. You created us in your image, loving us even when we don't feel worthy. Fill me with that same love so that it overflows into the lives of those around me, so they too can feel your presence. May I never forget that you walk beside me each day, lifting me up when I stumble, loving me when I feel unlovable.</p>	<p><b>9</b> <i>Romans 8:26-28</i> Lord, sometimes we get too busy to stop and ask for your direction. Thank you for always knowing our hearts and our prayers, even when they are unspoken. Thank you for always being there to help us continue to live in love the way you intend.</p>	<p><b>10</b> <i>James 5:13-16</i> Father God, what an awesome God you are! Thank you for reminding us that we should pray in good times and in bad. Thank you for giving us the assurance that intercessory prayer helps us and others during our struggles.</p>	<p><b>11</b> <i>Isaiah 43:18-21</i> God, thank you for your instruction through Isaiah for us to not dwell on the past. Keep us looking forward as we travel through life. We know we should learn from past mistakes, but we should focus on what we are doing now and in the future. I know we should be focused on what you are doing for us, and that we should give you glory every day for this.</p>	<p><b>12</b> <i>Revelation 22:1-5</i> Lord, it seems that we are in great chaos in these times. However, as John foretold in Revelations, we know you have prepared a beautiful place for us that is even more beautiful than the earth we see today. The promise of beauty in the next life that is better than what we experience daily is overwhelming. This is yet another expression of your love for us.</p>	<p><b>13</b> <i>Joshua 1:5-9</i> Lord, thank you for the gifts you have given to me. Give me the strengths to use them in your service, just as Joshua did crossing the Jordan into the promised land. Never let us forget that you have given all of us gifts that you intended for us to use in your service. More importantly, help us use those gifts effectively.</p>
<p><b>14</b> <i>Revelations 22:1-5</i> Loving God, help us to keep stored in our hearts our ultimate hope – the promise that you are with us. Enable us to fully understand that our true source of unity, grace, harmony, and peace shines from your radiant love...and your love will win in the end.</p>	<p><b>15</b> <i>Mark 12:41-44</i> Lord, today's Scripture tells us of sacrificial giving in support of worthy needs. We know, Lord, that you have given us riches that go beyond many or most people in the world. Give us the wisdom and the kindness to share our riches sacrificially for the benefit of others, following the example of the poor widow who gave all she had.</p>	<p><b>16</b> <i>Luke 5:12-15</i> Lord, sometimes we fail to take action on something that we feel would have negative consequences in our lives. Help us to understand that, through prayer, you give us courage to do the things we are hesitant to do on our own.</p>	<p><b>17</b> <i>1 Peter 4:8-11</i> Holy Father, let us be the love you want the world to see: to serve with love and humility, to welcome outsiders without anticipated benefit, to suffer without complaint in service to your kingdom. Let the grace you have bestowed on us flow through to bless others and beckon the world.</p>	<p><b>18</b> <i>Psalms 103:1-12</i> Lord, let my soul praise you...every day. I confess there are times when my soul doesn't automatically feel like praising you, because not everything that happens in life is good. You, however, are always good! Thank you for your love and providence!</p>	<p><b>19</b> <i>Daniel 3:13-28</i> Bless the Lord, oh my soul. With my whole heart, I live in your goodness. I rejoice in your steadfast love, mercy, and grace. Teach me Father to show the same to all in your world. Teach me to love with my whole heart and I will have peace knowing you have heard my prayers.</p>	<p><b>20</b> <i>Luke 6:12-16</i> Many times when we face decisions in our lives, we are unsure of what to do about them. Thank you, Lord, for teaching us through all your actions that before every important event, we must take time to pray.</p>
<p><b>21</b> <i>2 Thessalonians 2:13-17</i> Help us O Lord, to be set apart for God's purpose, growing in righteous living. Righteous living is dependent on a person's reliance on the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p><b>22</b> <i>Luke 11:1-10</i> Heavenly Father, I know deep down that you always hear my prayers; however, they are not always answered in the way I desire. Lord, help me remember that your grace and peace is always available, and that spiritual healing is the ultimate goal.</p>	<p><b>23</b> <i>1 John 1:8-2:2</i> Loving God, your greatest gift to us is forgiveness through your Son, but sometimes we find it hard to admit fault. Shine your light of truth upon our reluctant souls so we can be reconciled to you, can truly fellowship with you, and can claim Jesus as our righteous advocate.</p>	<p><b>24</b> <i>John 14:1-14</i> Merciful Father, when we are slow to learn your truths, teach the lesson once again. When we are skeptical of your assurances, be the proof that erases doubt. When we cannot see beyond our insecurities, expand our vision of the power we unleash in calling upon the name of Jesus.</p>	<p><b>25</b> <i>Job 1:18-22</i> Holy Father, sometimes it seems the storms of life will batter us till we are crushed and that our sense of well-being is slipping away or even being ripped away from us. Remind us daily, Lord, that whatever we may have lost came from you in the first place—and in the end, you are all we need; you are enough.</p>	<p><b>26</b> <i>Ephesians 2:8-10</i> God, help us to accept that we don't need to win your favor by being good enough or doing enough. It's not our good works that save us; it's your grace. Even so, we pray that we'll respond to your loving grace by doing good for others—out of love for them.</p>	<p><b>27</b> <i>Matthew 2:13-15</i> Dear Lord, sometimes we are so eager to serve you, to do your will, that we stumble and bumble our way into situations you never intended. Teach us to listen, to be open to your leading, and to know that following your plan sometimes means taking a path we would not have taken on our own.</p>
<p><b>28</b> <i>1 John 3:16</i> Father, we are so grateful for the love you have given us through your son Jesus. Because of this tremendous unconditional love you give us, may others see Christ in us and may we demonstrate this same unconditional love to our fellow man.</p>	<p><b>29</b> <i>Deuteronomy 31:1-8</i> Lord, you are such an amazing God! Your Word tells me that I can rest on the assurance that you are always with me. Forgive me when I let fear get in the way of my faith. Help me today to feel your presence and amazing power.</p>	<p><b>30</b> <i>Matthew 5:14-16</i> Father, we thank you for your spirit which is your light in us. Because we are your sons and daughters, you have loved us and blessed us. We are privileged to be your light in this world. Let your glory shine through us to our family, friends and to all with whom we come in contact. May we be the blessing of your goodness through our light.</p>	<p><b>31</b> <i>Luke 10:38-42</i> Gracious God, we lead busy lives, thinking that there isn't enough time in the day. Sometimes we don't even make time for you in our lives. We ask you to help us stay focused so that our service to you does not degenerate into mere busy work, no longer full of devotion to you.</p>	<p><b>PRAYER WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE...</b></p> <p><b>PRAY ANYTIME, ANYWHERE!</b></p>		