#### Sunday, January 1, 2023

#### **God's Protection**

*Today's Passage of Scripture:* Ps. 63:1-4 O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. <sup>2</sup> So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. <sup>3</sup> Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. <sup>4</sup> So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. (NRSVUE)

### Monday, January 2, 2023

#### A Closer Relationship With God

*Today's Passage of Scripture: Hebrews 10:19-22* <sup>19</sup> Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; <sup>21</sup> And having an high priest over the house of God; <sup>22</sup> Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. (KJV)

### Tuesday, January 3, 2023

#### Wisdom

*Today's Passage of Scripture:* **James 1:5-** <sup>5</sup> If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. (KJV)

### Wednesday, January 4, 2023

#### Discernment

*Today's Passage of Scripture:* **1 John 5:14-15** This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him. (NIV)

### Thursday, January 5, 2023

### Purpose

**Today's Passage of Scripture:** Jer. 29:11 -- For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (NIV)

### Friday, January 6, 2023

### **Answered Prayer**

*Today's Passage of Scripture: Ps. 143:1* Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness. (KJV)

#### Saturday, January 7, 2023

### **Our Pastor and First Lady**

*Today's Passage of Scripture:* 1 Thess. 5:12-13- Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. <sup>13</sup> Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. (NIV)

### Sunday, January 8, 2023

#### God

**Today's Passage of Scripture:** Joshua 22:5 But be very careful to keep the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the Lord gave you: to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to keep his commands, to hold fast to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul." (NRSVUE)

#### Monday, January 9, 2023

#### **Families**

Today's Passage of Scripture: 2 Sam. 7:25-29- "So now, great God, this word that you have spoken to me and my family, guarantee it permanently! Do exactly what you've promised! Then your reputation will flourish always as people exclaim, 'The God-of-the-Angel-Armies is God over Israel!' And the house of your servant David will remain sure and solid in your watchful presence. For you, God-of-the-Angel-Armies, Israel's God, told me plainly, 'I will build you a house.' That's how I was able to find the courage to pray this prayer to you. "And now, Master God, being the God you are, speaking sure words as you do, and having just said this wonderful thing to me, please, just one more thing: Bless my family; keep your eye on them always. You've already as much as said that you would, Master God! Oh, may your blessing be on my family permanently!" (MSG)

#### Tuesday, January 10, 2023

#### Children

*Today's Passage of Scripture: Luke 18:15-17* <sup>15</sup> People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them, and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>17</sup> Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." (NRSVUE)

### Wednesday, January 11, 2023

### One Another

*Today's Passage of Scripture:* **Romans 13:8** <sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. (NRSVUE)

### Thursday, January 12, 2023

### **Our Neighbors**

**Today's Passage of Scripture:** Luke 10:27 <sup>27</sup> He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind' and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself. (NIV)

#### Friday, January 13, 2023

#### The Least of These

*Today's Passage of Scripture:* Matt. 25:37-40 <sup>37</sup> "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' <sup>40</sup> "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' (NRSVUE)

#### Saturday, January 14, 2023

#### **Enemies**

**Today's Passage of Scripture: Matt. 5:43-48**<sup>43</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup> But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be children of your Father in heaven, for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. (NRSVUE)

### **Sunday, January 15, 2023**

#### Justice

*Today's Passage of Scripture:* Amos 5:24- But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. (NRSVUE)

### Monday, January 16, 2023

#### Success

*Today's Passage of Scripture:* Joshua 1:8- This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

### Tuesday, January 17, 2023

#### Excellence

*Today's Passage of Scripture:* Daniel 6:3 - Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

### Wednesday, January 18, 2023

#### Ministry Growth

Today's Passage of Scripture: Matt. 9:35-38 - Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease hamong the people. <sup>36</sup>But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. <sup>38</sup>Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." (NKJV)

# Thursday, January 19, 2023 Ministry Volunteers

*Today's Passage of Scripture:* Col 3:23-24 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, <sup>24</sup> since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. (NIV)

### Friday, January 20, 2023

#### Faith

*Today's Passage of Scripture:* Luke 2:36-38 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; <sup>7</sup> And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

### Saturday, January 21, 2023

#### **Endurance**

**Today's Passage of Scripture:** Gal. 6:9 - So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith. (MSG)

# Sunday, January 22, 2023 God's People

**Today's Passage of Scripture: 2 Chron:** 7:12-14 And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice. <sup>13</sup> If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; <sup>14</sup> If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

#### Monday, January 23, 2023

#### Unity and Peace

*Today's Passage of Scripture:* Eph. 4:1-6 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,<sup>2</sup> With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; <sup>3</sup> Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup> One Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

### Tuesday, January 24, 2023

#### For Others

*Today's Passage of Scripture:* James 5:16- Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

#### Wednesday, January 25, 2023

#### Homeless and Hungry

Today's Passage of Scripture: Matt. 25:41-46 - "Then he will turn to the 'goats,' the ones on his left, and say, 'Get out, worthless goats! You're good for nothing but the fires of hell. And why? Because- I was hungry and you gave me no meal, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was homeless and you gave me no bed, I was shivering and you gave me no clothes, Sick and in prison, and you never visited.' 44 "Then those 'goats' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or homeless or shivering or sick or in prison and didn't help?' 45 "He will answer them, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you failed to do one of these things to someone who was being overlooked or ignored, that was me—you failed to do it to me.' (MSG)

# Thursday, January 26, 2023 Healing

Today's Passage of Scripture: Isaiah 38:1-5- In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. <sup>2</sup> Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying, <sup>3</sup> I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore. <sup>4</sup> And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying, <sup>5</sup> Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. <sup>7</sup> And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.

### Friday, January 27, 2023

#### Government

**Today's Passage of Scripture:** 1 Tim. 2:1-3 - <sup>1-3</sup> The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Savior God wants us to live. (MSG)

### Saturday, January 28, 2023

### **Infirmities**

*Today's Passage of Scripture:* Rom. 8:26-27 - <sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. (NRSVUE)

### 31 DAYS OF PRAYER: WEEKLY E-JOURNAL WEEK FIVE: REVERENCE...

#### Sunday, January 29, 2023

#### The Majesty of God's Creation

*Today's Passage of Scripture: Ps. 24:1-5* - The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. <sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup> He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. <sup>5</sup> He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

### 31 DAYS OF PRAYER: WEEKLY E-JOURNAL WEEK FIVE: REVERENCE...

#### Monday, January 30, 2023

#### How Excellent is God's Name!

Today's Passage of Scripture: Ps. 8:1-9 - O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens! <sup>2</sup> Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have bordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger. <sup>3</sup> When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, <sup>4</sup> What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visited him? <sup>5</sup> For You have made him a little lower than both angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. <sup>6</sup> You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, <sup>7</sup> All sheep and oxen— Even the beasts of the field, <sup>8</sup> The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas. <sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth!

# 31 DAYS OF PRAYER: WEEKLY E-JOURNAL WEEK FIVE: REVERENCE...

### Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Majesty, Dominion and Power

*Today's Passage of Scripture:* Jude 1:25- To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.