

A person is kneeling in prayer, their hands clasped together, silhouetted against a bright, hazy background of a forest. The scene is misty, with tall grasses in the foreground and trees in the background. The lighting is soft and ethereal, suggesting a sunrise or sunset.

SPEAK, LORD,  
YOUR SERVANT  
IS LISTENING.

**1 SAMUEL 3:9**

*Positioning to Hear From God*

DAILY PRAYERS

CONTINUED THROUGH OCTOBER 10, 2022

*As we continue to pray, our hope is that this guide will serve as a life-long resource for your/our journey with Jesus.*

To say that Christians are faced with many situations along the path that require us to make difficult decisions is pretty accurate. The great news is that we never need to make those choices in isolation, and God is always present and guiding us more excellently.

Therefore, the hope is that far beyond this consecrated time of prayer and discernment, you will forever be mindful of the Holy Spirit and feel equipped to apply your God-given gifts of knowledge, wisdom, and discernment in navigating the many terrains which we encounter in life.

Be blessed all along life's journey,  
*Jeremiah 29 Task Force*

## Why Pray?

On September 1, 2022, Christ Church Sugar Land, a United Methodist Community, entered a time of prayer and discernment. The process is facilitated by the Jeremiah 29 Task Force elected at the 2021 Christ Church Conference. The task force team consists of the following members: Bob Ayers, Barbara Burnham, Ken Crouch, Sunday Coffman, Sue Fredrickson, Sarah Jowell, Gail McClendon, Joey Moreland, Jim Rose, Bill Stoltz, Jeff Thomas, Liz Williams, and Tom Young.

Members of the team were tasked with the following mandate, "...study the question of our congregations' affiliation and how information can best be shared with the membership." We recognize that one of the essential steps in the process is to ensure that we are intentional about seeking God and hearing from God and believe that primarily occurs through prayer.

We ask that you continue to pray with us on this journey.

There are several opportunities to participate:

- **DAILY PRAYER GUIDE**

Use this prayer guide daily. An online version is also available at [christchurchsl.org/dailyprayer](http://christchurchsl.org/dailyprayer).

- **DAILY PRAYER WALK**

Pray for our church, while walking inside or outside the buildings. Sign up online at [christchurchsl.org/prayerwalk](http://christchurchsl.org/prayerwalk).

- **PRAY DOWN**

Pause to pray for our church every day at 12:29 pm.

## WHAT IS PRAYER?

A devout petition to God. Communion with God as in supplication, thanksgiving, adoration, or confession. Prayer is more like a dialogue, where we speak to God, and the Lord speaks to us. Listening prayer centers around an explicit request for God's guidance. In making our request, we give God's guidance authority over the other voices we hear throughout our daily lives.

*"Don't worry about anything but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God. Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel." - Philippians 4:6-7 CEV*

## GODLY EXAMINATION

Daily, as Christians, we are called to make decisions; we hope that we are making choices that please God. There are many terms used in the Christian faith that lend to making Godly choices; discernment and revelation are two such terms. We recognize that we are called to pray and humbly seek God in guiding and directing our path, individually and collectively.

First, Thessalonians 5:21-22 teaches that it is the responsibility of every Christian to be discerning: "But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil."

Let us pray with and for one another that God's truth for his people will prevail in the name of Jesus.

## WHAT IS WISDOM?

Wisdom is "knowledge, and the capacity to make due use of it."  
The ability to discern inner qualities and relationships: insight.  
Good sense: judgment.

## WHAT IS THE HOPED-FOR OUTCOME?

The desired outcome would be continued Love and care for one another in whatever decision to move forward and be the body of Christ as members of Christ Church Sugar Land, Texas.

Day 26

SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

**FOCUS: God Knows!**

**SCRIPTURE: Micah 6:8**

*"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."*

**PRAYER:**

Almighty God, you know the ultimate plan for my life and all others, and it is good! God, you came and lived among us, and you know the world's struggles, challenges, and ills, and as we have prayed, we are not to conform. God, help me to be wise and strong in my discipleship that I might be just, and merciful to all and in all circumstances.

May my ego and pride be placed at the altar so I might be clothed in humility. I pray that God's light will tower over and through me as I humble myself to you, oh Lord. Lord have mercy. **Amen.**

**THOUGHTS:**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

# Day 27

SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

**FOCUS:** *Do My Part Well*

**SCRIPTURE:** *Hebrews 12:14*

*“Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness, no one will see the Lord.”*

**PRAYER:**

Gracious God, Emmanuel, God with us. How you maintained peace as people betrayed you, persecuted you, and rejected you, demonstrates that I can be a person of peace. God your ability to remain holy amid the chaos, gives birth to my ability to be holy in the broken, troubled world. God, may I not be a hindrance to anyone not experiencing you, “Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow Love; where there is injury, pardon;” God, you are Love, and I am created in your image. May people experience your peace and Love through me. **Amen.**

**THOUGHTS:**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

# Day 28

SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

**FOCUS:** *Lord I Want To Hear From You*

**SCRIPTURE:** *John 14:26*

*“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have said to you.”*

**PRAYER:**

God of all knowledge, you are the Teacher of all things to live a holy and righteous life. May I draw nearer to you through attentiveness in the reading of your Word by the power of the Holy Spirit. May I hear your guidance in my quietness, as I still my soul in your presence. There is no greater Advocate. Thank you God. May I lean on you to navigate the pastures before me as I am not sure of what lies before me. Lord in your mercy, teach me, guide me. **Amen.**

**THOUGHTS:**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Day 29

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

**FOCUS:** *God Knows Best*

**SCRIPTURE:** *Proverbs 2:6*

*"For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."*

**PRAYER:**

Lord of all, you give freely to all who ask. Therefore, God, I come seeking you for understanding. God, so many things in life do not make sense; there is so much uncertainty. Lord, please grant me a reasonable portion of wisdom I might know and understand how to be present in the spaces where you lead me. I pray that my actions and my inactions would reflect your wisdom and knowledge. Speak Lord, your servant is listening. Thank you, Lord. **Amen.**

**THOUGHTS:**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Day 30

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

**FOCUS:** *There Is Safety In Christ*

**SCRIPTURE:** *Joel 2:12-13*

*"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart with fasting and weeping and mourning." 13 Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in Love, and he relents from sending calamity."*

**PRAYER:**

Loving God, everything on earth and heaven belongs to you. Why, God do I hold fast to the things of this world? May I not live in scarcity but freely yield to you all I am, and all I have. May I be willing to sacrifice a time of fasting and prayer to draw nearer to you. May I trust that your grace and mercy are sufficient for all that transpires and will transpire. And Lord, may I trust that your compassion will never fail and there are no bounds to your Love for me. Thank you, Lord. **Amen.**

**THOUGHTS:**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Day 31

OCTOBER 1, 2022

**FOCUS: A Clean Heart**

**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 51:10**

*“Create a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”*

**PRAYER:**

Oh Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, thank you! Thank you, Lord, that you know everything about me. The psalmist reminds us that you knew me in my mother’s womb. You know what troubles my spirit when I have failed to forgive, and when my heart is aching. You know me, God, and you love me! Thank you.

God, my heart needs a cleansing. I invite you in, and, God, if I am not willing to be cleansed, please impose Your cleansing spirit upon me; I need you. I want to be whole; work on me, Lord. **Amen.**

**THOUGHTS:**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Day 32

OCTOBER 2, 2022

**FOCUS: With Christ, I Am Able**

**SCRIPTURE: Luke 22:42**

*“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.”*

**PRAYER:**

Dear I Am, in all your humanity and divinity, you submitted to the will of the Father. God help me to understand that my life belongs to you and has purpose for matters beyond me. God, there are times when it is not clear how long to persevere, to pursue. I ask dear Jesus for wisdom and peace to know when I am stepping outside your will and need to surrender. Please grant us wisdom as I want to stay in your will Lord. **Amen.**

**THOUGHTS:**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

# Day 33

OCTOBER 3, 2022

**FOCUS: Steadfast Faith In The Father**

**SCRIPTURE: 2 Thessalonians 2:15-17**

*“So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by Word of mouth or by letter. May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and Word.”*

**PRAYER:**

Dear God, you are my anchor. When the storms of life are raging, you are with me. When I feel as though the waves are overtaking me, you hold me safely in your arms. May I not be afraid to live courageously, knowing that you will never let me go.

God, you have allowed me to witness the faith of many who have gone before me, overcoming adversity, trials, and tribulations. Thank you for their faithfulness and the hope and encouragement that their lives model for me and others that follow. God may my life demonstrate that the Christ in me loves and hopes for the best for all I meet as my soul is anchored in the Lord. **Amen.**

**THOUGHTS:**

---

---

---

---

# Day 34

OCTOBER 4, 2022

**FOCUS: The Faithfulness of God**

**SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 41:10**

*“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”*

**PRAYER:**

Lamb of God, you are gentle yet possess all strength. I can trust that no weapon formed against me will prosper in the name of Jesus. I pray that I will know to pray at all junctures, twists, and turns. The world can be unsettling, yet to hold fast to the knowledge that God is with me ushers in an assurance like none other.

God, may I walk boldly with you wherever you choose to take me. I trust in you, God! **Amen.**

**THOUGHTS:**

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Day 35

OCTOBER 5, 2022

**FOCUS: Revere the Lord!**

**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 111:10**

*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise."*

**PRAYER:**

Most Holy and Righteous God, you alone are the great I AM. You are the only God, the I AM, we are to worship. God, please forgive me for not always revering you.

Lord, I am not worthy except you claimed me and redeemed me, and for that God, I praise your holy name. May I grow in my faith that I might always give you the honor and glory of which you are most worthy. God, my heart rejoices when I think of the works of your hands and the wonders of your creation. How majestic you are, God! Praise be to God! **Amen.**

**THOUGHTS:**

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Day 36

OCTOBER 6, 2022

**FOCUS: God, The Ultimate Provider**

**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 4:5**

*"Offer the sacrifices of the righteous and trust in the Lord."*

**PRAYER:**

O Lord, what good thing can I offer you that does not belong to you? God, I need your help to render to you in sacrificial ways. I am mindful that I am not always aware that you are the Provider, and you have blessed me abundantly.

Therefore, God, I ask that you help me to earnestly seek what it means to live and give sacrificially. You have entrusted much to me beyond finances and material goods. God, I want to trust you in how I use your blessings and increase my faith, O Lord. **Amen.**

**THOUGHTS:**

---

---

---

---

---

---

# Day 37

OCTOBER 7, 2022

**FOCUS: God, Our Eternal Hope**

**SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 26:4**

*“Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal.”*

**PRAYER:**

Dear God, there are times when I falter, and always you are there to pick me up. God, in this World of fear and doubt, I do not want to fall short in my faith. And yet God, there are times when it feels as though you are not with me, that life is not unfolding in the ways that I desire and pray. God, please help me to remember that you are the same yesterday, today, and forever more, and your plan will unfold in your time and in your way.

May I trust that today and always. **Amen.**

**THOUGHTS:**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

# Day 38

OCTOBER 8, 2022

**FOCUS: An Ever-Present God!**

**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:33**

*“But seek first his kingdom and righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”*

**PRAYER:**

Sovereign Lord, thank you that whenever I seek you, I will find you. I should know this God. God, when I am most honest with myself, I can admit that I move about without much consideration of your presence. Lord, please forgive me. God, you never intended for me to walk alone; why is it that I do so, and frequently.

God, I want to walk with you; I want to know that you are the source for all that I need and trust that you will provide. Lord, may I grow in placing you first in my life. Lord of mercy, help me to do so. **Amen.**

**THOUGHTS:**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Day 39

OCTOBER 9, 2022

**FOCUS:** Faith In The Power Of The Love of Christ

**SCRIPTURE:** Ephesians 3:17-19

*“...so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in Love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the Love of Christ, and to know this Love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”*

**PRAYER:**

God, your Love is incomprehensible. You know every detail of your children, including me, and you continue to love unconditionally. Dear God, may I choose to love unconditionally as you love me.

Grant me the humility to forgive, see others through your lenses, and pray for others that they might know of and live in your Love. **Amen.**

**THOUGHTS:**

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Day 40

OCTOBER 10, 2022

**FOCUS:** God Is Listening, Am I?

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 6:9-10

*“This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”*

**PRAYER:**

Dear Father, thank you! God, we know you by many names; I simply want to call you Abba, Father. God, when I think about you and the depth of Love and compassion you have, I can scarce take it in. You took time for the disciples, and that same time is given to me to teach me how to pray. God, may I always seek you in prayer, knowing, trusting, and revering the name of Jesus Christ, Lord, and Savior. May I live a life worthy of the eternal sacrifice that you made. God, I cannot thank you enough. I pray my life will honor your sacrifice on earth and in heaven. May it be so, **Amen.**

**THOUGHTS:**

---

---

---

---

---

---

