

# DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

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# INTRO DUCTION

# HOW THE DPG WORKS

It just takes a few minutes. Set aside a small bit of your time for God. Every day, find a quiet spot—even if it's in your car before work or in bed before you close your eyes. Open this up and pray through the steps given for each day. Follow the easy instructions and focus as you read and pray.

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### ***PRAYER***

There are guided steps to help you focus in prayer every day.

### ***WORD***

A daily glimpse of God's heart for us is included along with the guide.

### ***REFLECTION***

Poets and artists from our SHV community have contributed creative reflections for each reading.

### ***JOURNAL***

We provide space for you to reflect however you choose.

### ***SABBATH DAYS***

We've provided an opportunity each week to reset and recenter your life around God.

### ***CHECK INS***

Every few weeks, we want to hear from you. Your story and journey may just inspire others!

# A SIMPLE METHOD FOR HEARING GOD

Here are 6 simple steps to use as you're reading the Bible. Take your time and spend a few minutes on each step as you hear from God.

**RELAX** - Find a calm place and take a few deep breaths. Focus your mind on listening for God's voice.

**READ** - Read the word of God. It can be just a few verses or maybe an entire chapter.

**REFLECT** - Center your attention on the verses and ask God to highlight parts of the Scripture to you.

**RESPOND** - Write down or think about what the verses bring to mind and how they move you.

**REST** - Let your mind flow over the truth and goodness of God's word.

**RESOLVE** - With joy and reverence, choose to follow what God is saying through His Scripture.

This is something you can practice every time you make room to hear God. His desire is to speak to us every day and through the Bible. These steps can help you to focus on his voice.

**SEPTEMBER**

## 09.01.20 :: TUESDAY

Find your focus. This guide's purpose is to help you meditate on God's voice. Focus on each step along the way. Listen to His voice in His word and as He speaks to you.

**Invitation** • My time belongs to You, God. Please show that You are with me as You walk me through these steps.

**Give Thanks** • I am incredibly thankful for all the ways You work in my life. (Give Him thanks for the ways He is moving for you.)

**Review** • Over the past day, I have held on to things I should have given to you, Father.

**Confession** • I admit my sins to you, Jesus. Thank You for always being good and faithful.

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 28:1-2*

*To you, O Lord, I call;  
my rock, be not deaf to me,  
lest, if you be silent to me,  
I become like those who go down to the pit.  
Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy,  
when I cry to you for help,  
when I lift up my hands  
toward your most holy sanctuary.*

*Acts 12:7-10*

*And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him.*

**Pray** • God, I ask that Your presence would empower and transform me today. Help me show others who You are by my actions and words.

**REFLECTION**

*Light.*

*Can't see.*

*Hands to face.*

*Is this my chance?*

*Who is this blinding me?*

*With a quick word, "Get up."*

*You have rescued me from darkness, again.*



## 09.02.20 :: WEDNESDAY

Find your focus. Let the following outline guide your prayers and meditations. Reflect on God's word as you go, and be clear with Him about how you feel today.

**Invitation** • I welcome you into this place, Jesus. Be here with me as I concentrate on You.

**Give Thanks** • You're my consistent and faithful Father. Thank You for always being my hope. (Remember His blessings over your life aloud.)

**Review** • I look back over today, and give You everything I'm still holding onto. (Mention the specific things that come to mind.)

**Confession** • I admit the wrongs I've done, God of grace. Forgive me for all my mistakes. (Say any wrongs that come to mind.) Help me to accept the abundance of Your mercy.

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 119:41-45*

*Let your steadfast love come to me, O Lord,  
your salvation according to your promise;  
then shall I have an answer for him who taunts me,  
for I trust in your word.  
And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,  
for my hope is in your rules.  
I will keep your law continually,  
forever and ever,  
and I shall walk in a wide place,  
for I have sought your precepts.*

*John 8:48-51*

*The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."*

**Pray** • Holy Spirit, give me opportunities to reach out to others with Your grace. Please give me eyes to see who needs You most today.

## **REFLECTION**

*In step with you. My ways belong  
to you. My thoughts belong to  
you. My heart belongs to you.  
Because you call me yours, you  
can take the lead.*



## 09.03.20 :: THURSDAY

Find your focus. As you near the end of the week, let yourself open up to God as He opens up to you. Give your attention to each step and listen for His voice through the process.

**Invitation** • I give my focus and time to You, Father. Help me to feel Your presence as I meditate on Your word.

**Give Thanks** • I am continually grateful for the countless ways You are God in my life. (Give Him thanks for each thing He is doing.)

**Review** • I reflect on today (and yesterday too), and give all the things that happened to You, Jesus. (Mention all that comes to mind.)

**Confession** • I will be honest about the things I did that broke Your heart, God. Please forgive me for each one. (Say any sins that come to mind.) I accept Your endless grace.

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 37:3-6*

*Trust in the Lord, and do good;*

*dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.*

*Delight yourself in the Lord,*

*and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

*Commit your way to the Lord;*

*trust in him, and he will act.*

*He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,*

*and your justice as the noontide.*

*John 9:1-3*

*As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.*

**Pray** • Holy Spirit, I ask you to empower me to follow You, to live what You're saying. I want You to use me to grow Your kingdom today.

## **REFLECTION**

*i trust*

*for i've seen*

*Your justice*

*and faithfulness*

*on display*



## 09.04.20 :: FRIDAY

Find your focus. Make a quiet space in your mind and your heart, so that you can accept what God has for you today.

**Invitation** • I invite You into my day, Holy Spirit. Guide me into a deeper and more intimate relationship with You.

**Give Thanks** • You are my steadfast and loving God. Thank You for being an unshakeable fortress in my life. (Reflect on His blessings.)

**Review** • I think back on the past day and give everything to You, Father. (Talk to Him about specific things that come to mind.)

**Confession** • I admit my mistakes to You, Jesus. Remind me that your mercy is enough. (Mention any sins that come to mind.) Grant me an open heart to receive Your grace.

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 31:19-20*

*Oh, how abundant is your goodness,  
which you have stored up for those who fear you  
and worked for those who take refuge in you,  
in the sight of the children of mankind!  
In the cover of your presence you hide them  
from the plots of men;  
you store them in your shelter  
from the strife of tongues.*

*John 9:30-33*

*The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."*

**Pray** • God, please give me a new mind and heart to glorify You. Help e to shine Your light on others.

**REFLECTION**

*Your goodness brings sight  
To Your children, though we thought  
We were never blind*



## 09.05.20 :: SATURDAY

Find your focus. Let the following outline guide your prayers and meditations. Reflect on God's word as you go, and be transparent with Him about how you feel today.

**Invitation** • I invite You into this place, Jesus. Be here with me as I concentrate on You.

**Give Thanks** • You are the God who works redemption at all times. (Thank Him for His blessings over your life this past week.)

**Review** • I look back on the week, and I give You everything I'm still holding onto. (Mention anything that comes to mind.)

**Confession** • I admit the wrongs I've done, Father. Forgive me for all my wrong choices. (List any sins that come to mind.)

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 30:4-5*

*Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,  
and give thanks to his holy name.*

*For his anger is but for a moment,  
and his favor is for a lifetime.*

*Weeping may tarry for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.*

*Acts 13:38-39*

*Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.*

**Pray** • Holy Spirit, please give me opportunities to reach out to others with Your grace. Please give me eyes to see who needs You most today.

## **REFLECTION**

*Freedom*

*Favor*

*A lifetime of life in the Kingdom*

*Joy is coming soon*

*Soon enough that*

*I cannot wait*



## 09.06.20 :: SUNDAY :: SABBATH

Find your focus. Take a few deep breaths as you center your attention on God. Before the week begins, let each step help you open up to God as he opens up to you.

**Invitation** • My attention and time are for You, Lord. Help me to grow.

**Give Thanks** • I appreciate You for all the times You are God in my life. (Give Him thanks for specific ways He is working in your life.)

**Review** • I reflect on today and yesterday, and I give up everything that pulled me away from You, God. (Mention anything that comes to mind.)

**Confession** • I know sometimes I do things that break Your heart, Father. I'm sorry. Please forgive me for each time I walked away from Your love. (List the times that come to mind.)

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 63:1-8*

*O God, you are my God; earnestly 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.  
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.  
Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.  
So I will bless you as long as I live;  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,  
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,  
when I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;  
for you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me.*

**Pray** • Jesus, inspire me to follow You and lead others to Your rest this week. I want to model Your heart to the world.

## **REFLECTION**

*I long for you. Only you can satisfy. The goodness of your love fills my heart with immeasurable delight.*



## 09.07.20 :: MONDAY

Find your focus. Meditate while going through each step in the guide. Let yourself be transparent with God about what you're feeling, and let Him be transparent with you in return.

**Invitation** • I want You here, Jesus. Be with me. I'm giving you my time.

**Give Thanks** • You are my rock and my shield. Every time I need You, You are there. (Reflect on the small blessings Jesus has given You today.)

**Review** • As I ponder on the past couple days, I hand everything that happened to You. (Take a minute to remember specific things.)

**Confession** • I admit to the mistakes I have made. Help me receive Your mercy for my sins. (Confess anything from the past day or so that comes to mind.)

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 41:11-13*

*By this I know that you delight in me:  
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.  
But you have upheld me because of my integrity,  
and set me in your presence forever.  
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting!  
Amen and Amen.*

*Acts 13:47-49*

*For so the Lord has commanded us, saying,*

*"I have made you a light for the Gentiles,  
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."*

*And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.*

**Pray** • Holy Spirit, please continue to transform my heart to be more like Yours. Give me opportunities to show You to others.

## **REFLECTION**

*Blessed is Your name!*

*Blessed are Your people!*

*Your banner flies high!*

*Your gates are always open!*

*And You bring salvation to the ends of  
the earth!*



## 09.08.20 :: TUESDAY

Find your focus. This guide's purpose is to help you meditate on God's voice. Focus on each step along the way. Listen to His voice in His word and as He speaks to you.

**Invitation** • My time belongs to You, God. Please show that You are with me as You walk me through these steps.

**Give Thanks** • I am incredibly thankful for all the ways You work in my life. (Give Him thanks for the ways He is moving for you.)

**Review** • Over the past day, I have held onto things that I should have given to You, Father. Please take them from me now. (Tell Him anything specific that comes to mind.)

**Confession** • I admit my sins to You, Jesus. Thank You for always being good and consistently faithful. (List the wrongs you remember.)

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 47:5-7*

*God has gone up with a shout,  
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.  
Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm!*

*Acts 14:8-10*

*Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he sprang up and began walking.*

**Pray** • God, I ask that Your presence would empower and transform me today. Help me show others who You are through my actions and words.

## **REFLECTION**

*With my voice I will praise you!  
With feet made new, I dance for you!  
You've given me a song to sing,  
And you've claimed me as your own...  
If I never see another miracle, I still get to  
be yours. What joy to be known by You!*



## 09.09.20 :: WEDNESDAY

Find your focus. Let the following outline guide your prayers and meditations. Reflect on God's word as you go, and be clear with Him about how you feel today.

**Invitation** • I welcome You into this place, Jesus. Be here with me as I concentrate on You.

**Give Thanks** • You're my consistent and faithful Father. Thank You for always being my hope. (Remember His blessings over your life out loud.)

**Review** • I look back over today, and I give You everything I'm still holding onto.

**Confession** • I admit the wrongs I've done, God of Grace. Forgive me for all my mistakes. (Say any wrongs that come to mind.) Help me to accept the abundance of Your mercy.

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 119:57-61*

*The Lord is my portion;*

*I promise to keep your words.*

*I entreat your favor with all my heart;*

*be gracious to me according to your promise.*

*When I think on my ways,*

*I turn my feet to your testimonies;*

*I hasten and do not delay*

*to keep your commandments.*

*Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,*

*I do not forget your law.*

*John 11:11-15*

*After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."*

**Pray** • Holy Spirit, give me opportunities to reach out to others with Your grace. Please give me eyes to see who needs You most today.

**REFLECTION**

*may i sleep  
peacefully and with hope  
that you will soon come  
and call me from  
my tomb*



## 09.10.20 :: THURSDAY

Find your focus. As you near the end of the week, let this guide help you open up to God as He opens up to you. Give your attention to each step and listen for His voice through the process.

**Invitation** • I give my focus and time to You, Father. Help me to feel Your presence as I meditate on Your word.

**Give Thanks** • I am continually grateful for the countless ways You are God in my life. (Give Him thanks for the things He is doing.)

**Review** • I reflect on today (and yesterday, too), and give all the things that happened to You, Jesus. (Mention all that comes to mind.)

**Confession** • I will be honest about the things I did that broke Your heart, God. Please forgive me for every single one. (Say any sins that come to mind.) I accept Your endless grace.

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 59:16-17*

*But I will sing of your strength;*

*I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.*

*For you have been to me a fortress*

*and a refuge in the day of my distress.*

*O my Strength, I will sing praises to you,*

*for you, O God, are my fortress,*

*the God who shows me steadfast love.*

*John 11:23-27*

*Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."*

**Pray** • Holy Spirit, I ask You to empower me to follow You, to live what you're saying. I want You to use me to grow Your kingdom today.

**REFLECTION**

*You have been to me  
So many things - most of all?  
Steadfast. Loving. God.*



## 09.11.20 :: FRIDAY

Find your focus. Make a quiet space in your mind and your surroundings, so that you can accept what God has for you today.

**Invitation** • I invite you into my day, Holy Spirit. Guide me into a deeper and more intimate relationship with You.

**Give Thanks** • You are my steadfast and loving God. Thank You for being an unshakeable and reliable fortress in my life.

**Review** • I think back on the past day and give everything that happened to You, Father. (Talk to Him about any specific things that come to mind.)

**Confession** • I admit my mistakes to You, Jesus. Remind me that Your mercy is enough. (Mention any sins that come to mind.) Grant me an open heart to receive Your grace.

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 40:1-3*

*I waited patiently for the Lord;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
He drew me up from the pit of destruction,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.  
He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the Lord.*

*John 11:41-44*

*So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."*

**Pray** • God, please give me a new mind and heart to glorify You. Help me to shine Your light on others.

**REFLECTION**

*Not so patiently*

*I wait for you to teach me*

*A new melody*



## 09.12.20 :: SATURDAY

Find your focus. Let the following outline guide your prayers and meditations. Reflect on God's word as you go, being honest with Him.

**Invitation** • I invite You into this place, Jesus. Be here with me as I concentrate on You.

**Give Thanks** • You are the God who works redemption at all times. (Thank Him for His blessings over your life this past week.)

**Review** • I look back on the week, and I give you everything I'm still holding onto.

**Confession** • I admit the wrongs I've done. Forgive me for all my wrong choices. (List the sins that come to mind.)

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 139:13-16*

*For you formed my inward parts;  
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
my soul knows it very well.  
My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes saw my unformed substance;  
in your book were written, every one of them,  
the days that were formed for me,  
when as yet there was none of them.*

*John 11:49-53*

*But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.*

**Pray** • Holy Spirit, renew my soul so that I may be a blessing to others.

## **REFLECTION**

*The secrets of my soul are not  
hidden from you. There is no mystery  
in me to you.  
I stand before you...fully exposed,  
yet fully loved.*



## 09.13.20 :: SUNDAY :: SABBATH

Find your focus. Take a few deep breaths as you center your attention on God. Before the work week begins, let each step help you open up to God as He opens up to you. Let Him speak to you through His word and His Spirit in this experience.

**Invitation** • My attention and time are for You, Lord. Help me to grow close to Your presence as You walk with me through these steps.

**Give Thanks** • I appreciate You for all the times You are God in my life. (Give Him thanks for specific ways He is working in your life.)

**Review** • I reflect on today and yesterday, and I give up everything that pulled me away from You, God. (Mention anything that comes to mind.)

**Confession** • I know sometimes I do things that break Your heart, Father. I'm sorry. Please forgive me for each time I walked away from Your love. (Say any sins that come to mind.)

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 46:1-7*

*God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.*

*Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.*

*There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.*

*God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.*

*The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.*

*The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

**Pray** • Jesus, inspire me to follow You and lead others to your rest this week. I want to model your heart today.

## **REFLECTION**

*who am i*

*at the foot of Your mountain*

*it climbs and arcs toward the heavens*

*high and great and mighty*

*yet though i am small and lost*

*You see me and call me by name*



## 09.14.20 :: MONDAY

Find your focus. Meditate while going through each step in the guide. Let yourself be transparent with God about what you're feeling, and let Him be transparent with you in return.

**Invitation** • I want You here, Jesus. Be with me. I'm giving You my time.

**Give Thanks** • You are my rock and my shield. Every time I need You, You are there. (Reflect on the small blessings Jesus has given you today.)

**Review** • As I ponder on the past couple days, I hand everything that happened to You. (Take a minute to remember specific things.)

**Confession** • I admit to the mistakes I have made. Help me receive Your mercy for my sins. (Confess anything from the past day that comes to mind.)

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 118:19-22*

*Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.  
This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.  
I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.*

*John 3:13-17*

*No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

**Pray** • Holy Spirit, please continue to transform my heart to be more like Yours. Give me opportunities to show You to others.

**REFLECTION**

*This gift, given so freely, so lovingly,  
Rejected.  
Still, You give it, and you continue to  
offer it, in spite of my undeserving  
heart.  
You are a beautiful mystery.*



## 09.15.20 :: TUESDAY

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**Invitation** • My time belongs to You, God. Please show that You are with me as You walk me through these steps.

**Give Thanks** • I am incredibly thankful for all the ways You work in my life. (Give Him thanks for the ways He is moving for you.)

**Review** • Over the past day, I have held onto things I should have given to You, Father. Please take them from me now.

**Confession** • I admit my sins to You, Jesus. Thank You for always being good and constantly faithful. (Say any wrongs that you recall.)

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 61:1-4*

*Hear my cry, O God,  
listen to my prayer;  
from the end of the earth I call to you  
when my heart is faint.  
Lead me to the rock  
that is higher than I,  
for you have been my refuge,  
a strong tower against the enemy.  
Let me dwell in your tent forever!  
Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings!*

*John 12:12-15*

*The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,*

*"Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!"*

**Pray** • God, I ask that Your presence would transform me today. Help me show others who You are through my actions and words.

**REFLECTION**

*you are the king that  
rides a donkey  
and invites the weak  
to follow*



# CHECK IN

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## 09.16.20 :: WEDNESDAY

Find your focus. Let the following outline guide your prayers and meditations. Reflect on God's word as you go, and be clear with Him about how you feel today.

**Invitation** • I welcome You into this place, Jesus. Be here with me as I concentrate on You.

**Give Thanks** • You're my consistent and faithful Father. Thank You for always being my hope. (Remember his blessings over your life out loud.)

**Review** • I look back over today, and I give You everything I'm still holding on to. (Mention specific things that come to mind.)

**Confession** • I admit the wrong things I've done, God of Grace. Forgive me for all my mistakes. (Say any wrongs that come to mind.)

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 72:12-14*

*For he delivers the needy when he calls,  
the poor and him who has no helper.*

*He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy.*

*From oppression and violence he redeems their life,  
and precious is their blood in his sight*

*John 12:23-26*

*And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him."*

**Pray** • Holy Spirit, please give me opportunities to reach out to others with Your grace. Please give me eyes to see who needs You most today.

**REFLECTION**

*We cry out, You hear  
Wordless groanings of the weak  
And come to redeem*



## 09.17.20 :: THURSDAY

Find your focus. As you near the end of the week, let this guide help you open up to God as He opens up to you.

**Invitation** • I give my focus and time to You, Father. Help me to feel Your presence as I meditate on Your word.

**Give Thanks** • I am continually grateful for the countless ways You are God in my life. (Give Him thanks for the things He is doing.)

**Review** • I reflect on today (and yesterday, too), and give all the things that happened to You, Jesus. (Mention all that comes to mind.)

**Confession** • I will be honest about the things I did that broke Your heart, God. Please forgive me for every single one. (Say any sins that come to mind.) I accept Your endless grace.

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 71:1-3*

*In you, O Lord, do I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame!  
In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me, and save me!  
Be to me a rock of refuge,  
to which I may continually come;  
you have given the command to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.*

*John 12:27-30*

*"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine."*

**Pray** • Holy Spirit, I ask You to empower me to follow You, to live what You're saying. I want You to use me to grow Your kingdom today.

**REFLECTION**

*Where is my help*

*Where is my hope*

*Where is my joy*

*Where is my peace*

*Where is my love*

*Where is my mercy*

*Where is all that I need?*

*In You.*



## 09.18.20 :: FRIDAY

Find your focus. Make a quiet space in your mind and your surroundings, so that you can accept what God has for you today.

**Invitation** • I invite You into my day, Holy Spirit. Guide me into a deeper and more intimate relationship with You.

**Give Thanks** • You are my steadfast and loving God. Thank You for being an unshakeable and reliable fortress in my life. (Reflect on His gifts and blessings.)

**Review** • I think back on the past day and give everything that happened to You, Father. (Talk to Him about any specific things that come to mind.)

**Confession** • I admit my mistakes to You, Jesus. Remind me that Your mercy is enough. (Mention any sins that come to mind.) Grant me an open heart to receive Your grace.

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 73:23-26*

*Nevertheless, I am continually with you;  
you hold my right hand.*

*You guide me with your counsel,  
and afterward you will receive me to glory.*

*Whom have I in heaven but you?*

*And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.*

*My flesh and my heart may fail,*

*but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*

*John 12:36-37*

*While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him.*

**Pray** • God, please give me a new mind and heart to glorify You. Help me to shine Your light on others.

**REFLECTION**

*They had you with them, yet they turned away.  
What more was needed?*



## 09.19.20 :: SATURDAY

Find your focus. Let the following outline guide your prayers and meditations. Reflect on God's word as you go, and be transparent with Him about how you feel today.

**Invitation** • I invite You into this place, Jesus. Be here with me as I concentrate on You.

**Give Thanks** • You are the God who works redemption at all times. (Thank Him for His blessings over your life this past week.)

**Review** • I look back on the week, and I give You everything I'm still holding on to. (Mention everything that comes to mind.)

**Confession** • I admit the wrongs I've done. Forgive me for all my wrong choices. (Say any sins that come to mind.)

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 27:7-8*

*Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!  
You have said, "Seek my face."  
My heart says to you,  
"Your face, Lord, do I seek."*

*Acts 17:24-27*

*The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us.*

**Pray** • Holy Spirit, please give me opportunities to reach out to others with Your grace. Please give me eyes to see who needs you most today.

## **REFLECTION**

*Your closeness feels like a comforting hug  
A long sigh after a restful day  
You give me all that I need  
For my heart seeks You, and You alone  
Be my hope  
Be my rest  
Be my refuge  
Be my LORD.*



## 09.20.20 :: SUNDAY :: SABBATH

Find your focus. Take a deep breath as you center your attention on God. Before the work week begins, let each step help you open up to God as He opens up to you. Let Him speak to you through His word and His Spirit in this experience.

**Invitation** • My attention and time are for You, Lord. Help me to grow closer to Your presence as You walk with me through these steps.

**Give Thanks** • I appreciate You for all the times You are God in my life. (Give Him thanks for specific ways He is working in your life.)

**Review** • I reflect on today and yesterday, and I give up everything that pulled me away from You, God. (Mention anything that comes to mind.)

**Confession** • I know sometimes I do things that break Your heart, Father. I'm sorry. Please forgive me for each time I walked away from Your love. (Say any sins that come to mind.)

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 96:9-13*

*Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!*

*Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!*

*Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."*

*Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;*

*let the sea roar, and all that fills it;*

*let the field exult, and everything in it!*

*Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy*

*before the Lord, for he comes,*

*for he comes to judge the earth.*

*He will judge the world in righteousness,  
and the peoples in his faithfulness*

**Pray** • Jesus, inspire me to follow You and lead others to your rest this week. I want to model Your heart today.

## **REFLECTION**

*How does my praise compare with the  
roars of the sea,  
With the howling of the field, or tremble  
of the mountains?*

*How does it match the glory filling the  
skies?*

*How does anything I offer echo the  
praise of your wondrous creation?  
It doesn't. It is my earnest offering to  
you. And to you, it is sweet.*



## 09.21.20 :: MONDAY

Find your focus. Meditate while going through each step in the guide. Let yourself be transparent with God about what you're feeling, and let Him be transparent with you in return.

**Invitation** • I want You here, Jesus. Be with me. I'm giving You my time.

**Give Thanks** • You are my rock and my shield. Every time I need You, You are there. (Reflect on the small blessings Jesus has given you today.)

**Review** • As I ponder on the past couple days, I hand everything that happened to You. (Take a minute to remember specific things.)

**Confession** • I admit to the mistakes I have made. Help me receive Your mercy for my sins. (Confess anything from the past day that comes to mind.)

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 119:49-50*

*Remember your word to your servant,  
in which you have made me hope.  
This is my comfort in my affliction,  
that your promise gives me life*

*Romans 10:6-9*

*But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

**Pray** • Holy Spirit, please continue to transform my heart to be more like Yours. Give me opportunities to show You to others.

**REFLECTION**

*all these words  
you speak  
are in my mouth  
and in my heart*



## 09.22.20 :: TUESDAY

Find your focus. This guide's purpose is to help you meditate on God's voice. Focus on each step along the way. Listen to His voice in His word and as He speaks to you.

**Invitation** • My time belongs to You, God. Please show that You are with me as You walk me through these steps.

**Give Thanks** • I am incredibly thankful for all the ways You work in my life. (Give Him thanks for the ways He is moving for you.)

**Review** • Over the past day, I have held on to things that I should have given to You, Father. Please take them from me now. (Tell Him anything specific that comes to mind.)

**Confession** • I admit my sins to You, Jesus. Thank You for always being good and consistently faithful. (Say any wrongs that you recall.)

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 78:14-16*

*In the daytime he led them with a cloud,  
and all the night with a fiery light.  
He split rocks in the wilderness  
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.  
He made streams come out of the rock  
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.*

*Luke 3:15-18*

*As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.*

**Pray** • God, I ask that Your presence would empower and transform me today. Help me show others who You are through my actions and words.

**REFLECTION**

*Let me be that rock  
Split apart to sate their thirst  
Quenching it with love*



## 09.23.20 :: WEDNESDAY

Find your focus. Let the following outline guide your prayers and meditations. Reflect on God's word as you go, and be clear with Him about how you feel today.

**Invitation** • I welcome You into this place, Jesus. Be here with me as I concentrate on You.

**Give Thanks** • You're my consistent and faithful Father. Thank You for always being my hope. (Remember His blessings over your life out loud.)

**Review** • I look back over today, and I give You everything I'm still holding onto. (Mention all the specific things that come to mind.)

**Confession** • I admit the wrongs I've done, God of grace. Forgive me for all my mistakes. (Say any wrongs that come to mind.) Help me to accept the abundance of Your mercy.

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 81:5-7*

*He made it a decree in Joseph  
when he went out over the land of Egypt.  
I hear a language I had not known:  
"I relieved your shoulder of the burden;  
your hands were freed from the basket.  
In distress you called, and I delivered you;  
I answered you in the secret place of thunder;  
I tested you at the waters of Meribah.*

*Luke 4:1-4*

*And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'"*

**Pray** • Holy Spirit, please give me opportunities to reach out to others with Your grace. Please give me eyes to see who needs You most today.

**REFLECTION**

*I'm hungry!*

*I need more!*

*The bread of Your Word*

*Gives life and hope*

*Yet I long for more!*

*More of You!*

*More and more and more!*



## 09.24.20 :: THURSDAY

Find your focus. As you near the end of the week, let this guide help you open up to God as He opens up to you. Give your attention to each step and listen for His voice through this process.

**Invitation** • I give my focus and time to You, Father. Help me to feel Your presence as I meditate on Your word.

**Give Thanks** • I am continually grateful for the countless ways You are God in my life. (Give Him thanks for the things He is doing.)

**Review** • I reflect on today (and yesterday, too), and give all the things that happened to You, Jesus. (Mention all that comes to mind.)

**Confession** • I will be honest about the things I did that broke Your heart, God. Please forgive me for every single one. (Say any sins that come to mind.) I accept your endless grace.

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 146:5-7*

*Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord his God,  
who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,  
who keeps faith forever;  
who executes justice for the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry*

*Luke 4:16-19*

*And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

**Pray** • Holy Spirit, I ask You to empower me to follow You, to live what You're saying. I want You to use me to grow Your kingdom today.

## **REFLECTION**

*Who executes justice for the oppressed,  
Who gives food to the hungry  
Who proclaims good news to the poor.  
Who proclaims liberty to the captives,  
Who gives sight to the blind?*

*You do. And you still know all there is to  
know about me. You are so good!*



## 09.25.20 :: FRIDAY

Find your focus. Make a quiet space in your mind and your surroundings, so that you can accept what God has for you today.

**Invitation** • I invite You into my day, Holy Spirit. Guide me into a deeper and more intimate relationship with You.

**Give Thanks** • You are my steadfast and loving God. Thank You for being an unshakeable and reliable fortress in my life. (Reflect on His gifts and blessings.)

**Review** • I think back on the past day and give everything that happened to You, Father. (Talk to Him about what comes to mind.)

**Confession** • I admit my mistakes to You, Jesus. Remind me that your mercy is enough. (Mention sins that come to mind).

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 91:11-14*

*For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.*

*On their hands they will bear you up,*

*lest you strike your foot against a stone.*

*You will tread on the lion and the adder;*

*the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.*

*“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;*

*I will protect him, because he knows my name.*

*Luke 4:33-37*

*And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, “Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.*

**Pray** • God, please give me a new mind and heart to glorify you. Help me to shine Your light on others.

## **REFLECTION**

*Protect me Father!  
I'm lonely and afraid.  
They're all against me, out to get me.  
Though I know it's not true.  
With just a word You make things right.  
And with all my heart I cling to you.  
I hold tight and fast because  
there's nowhere I'd rather be.*



## 09.26.20 :: SATURDAY

Find your focus. Let the following outline guide your prayers and meditations. Reflect on God's word as you go, and be transparent with Him about how you feel today.

**Invitation** • I invite You into this place, Jesus. Be here with me as I concentrate on You.

**Give Thanks** • You are the God who works redemption at all times. (Thank Him for His blessings over your life this past week.)

**Review** • I look back on the week, and I give You everything I'm still holding on to. (Mention everything that comes to mind.)

**Confession** • I admit the wrongs I've done. Forgive me for all my wrong choices. (Say any sins that come to mind.)

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 90:1-2*

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.*

*Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

*Luke 4:38-41*

*And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.*

**Pray** • Holy Spirit, please give me opportunities to reach out to others with Your grace. Please give me eyes to see who needs You most today.

## **REFLECTION**

*You turn no one away. You came for us all.  
You are my redeemer. You are my God.*



## 09.27.20 :: SUNDAY :: SABBATH

Find your focus. Take a few deep breaths as you center your attention on God. Before the work week begins, let each step help you open up to God as He opens up to you. Let Him speak to you through His word and His Spirit in this experience.

**Invitation** • My attention and time are for you, Lord. Help me to grow close to Your presence as You walk with me through these steps.

**Give Thanks** • I appreciate You for all the times You are God in my life. (Give Him thanks for specific ways He is working in your life.)

**Review** • I reflect on today and yesterday, and I give up everything that pulled me away from You, God. (Mention anything that comes to mind.)

**Confession** • I know sometimes I do things that break Your heart, Father. I'm sorry. Please forgive me for each time I walked away from your love. (Say any sins that come to mind.)

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 67:1-7*

*May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!  
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!  
The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, shall bless us.  
God shall bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth fear him!*

**Pray** • Jesus, inspire me to follow You and lead others to Your rest this week. I want to model Your heart today.

**REFLECTION**

*let my praise increase  
for you bless me,  
us*



## 09.28.20 :: MONDAY

Find your focus. Meditate while going through each step in the guide. Let yourself be transparent with God about what you're feeling, and let Him be transparent with you in return.

**Invitation** • I want You here, Jesus. Be with me. I'm giving You my time.

**Give Thanks** • You are my rock and my shield. Every time I need You, You are there. (Reflect on the small blessings Jesus has given you today.)

**Review** • As I ponder on the past couple days, I hand everything that happened to You. (Take a minute to remember specific things.)

**Confession** • I admit to the mistakes I have made. Help me receive Your mercy for my sins. (Confess anything from the past day that comes to mind.)

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 89:14-16*

*Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.*

*Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
who exult in your name all the day  
and in your righteousness are exalted.*

*Luke 5:4-9*

*And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken.*

**Pray** • Holy Spirit, please continue to transform my heart to be more like Yours. Give me opportunities to show You to others.

**REFLECTION**

*I've seen radiance*

*That shines brighter than the sun*

*I will walk in it*



## 09.29.20 :: TUESDAY

Find your focus. Take a few deep breaths as you center your attention on God. Let Him speak to you through His word and His Spirit in this experience.

**Invitation** • My attention and time are for You, Lord. Help me to grow close to Your presence as You walk with me through these steps.

**Give Thanks** • I appreciate You for all the times You are God in my life. (Give Him thanks for specific ways He is working in your life.)

**Review** • I reflect on today and yesterday, and I give up everything that pulled me away from You, God. (Mention anything that comes to mind.)

**Confession** • I know sometimes I do things that break Your heart, Father. I'm sorry. Please forgive me for each time I walked away from Your love. (Say any sins that come to mind.)

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 8:3-5*

*When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,  
what is man that you are mindful of him,  
and the son of man that you care for him?  
Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
and crowned him with glory and honor.*

*Hebrews 1:1-4*

*Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.*

**Pray** • Jesus, inspire me to follow You and lead others to Your endless love today. I want to model your heart for others.

## **REFLECTION**

*Leave behind the ways of old. Leave behind the dreams you hold. They keep you apart from me. I'll give you new vision; I'll be your new purpose.*



## 09.30.20 :: WEDNESDAY

Find your focus. Meditate while going through each step in the guide. Let yourself be transparent with God about what you're feeling, and let Him be transparent with you in return.

**Invitation** • I want You here, Jesus. Be with me. I'm giving You my time.

**Give Thanks** • You are my rock and my shield. Every time I need You, You are there. (Reflect on the blessings Jesus has given you today.)

**Review** • As I ponder on the past couple days, I hand everything that happened to You. (Take a minute to remember specific things.)

**Confession** • I admit to the mistakes I have made. Help me receive Your mercy for my sins. (Confess anything that comes to mind.)

**God's Word** • Read or listen to the passages, perhaps more than once.

*Psalm 119:123-125*

*My eyes long for your salvation*

*and for the fulfillment of your righteous promise.*

*Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love,  
and teach me your statutes.*

*I am your servant; give me understanding,  
that I may know your testimonies!*

*Luke 5:27-32*

*After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me." And leaving everything, he rose and followed him. And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."*

**Pray** • Holy Spirit, please continue to transform my heart to be more like Yours. Give me opportunities to show You to others.

## **REFLECTION**

*Is there a doctor in the house?  
I've fallen ill and need healing.  
I can't shake this feeling that  
I am made for more.  
If you would just call my name  
I'd get up and leave it all behind.  
In the quiet,  
I can hear you whispering  
"Follow me."*



# CHECK IN

SHV is a catalyst for creative community. Email [dpg@shvchurch.org](mailto:dpg@shvchurch.org) to send in stories of how your new focus has affected you and your community! We want to share the beauty of devotion with others!

# START THE JOURNEY

Maybe this month was filled with a connection to God that you've never experienced before, and you'd like to know more about who Jesus is and how he transforms lives. If so, we want to invite you to start the journey! Here's how:

## ***Hear the good news of the Gospel***

*John 3:16-17*

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

## ***Repent (meaning turn toward God and away from your old life) and believe***

*Mark 1:14-15*

*...Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe the gospel."*

## ***Believe and confess***

*Romans 10:9-10*

*...because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.*

## ***And finally, tell us so that we can celebrate with you!***

Email [dpg@shvchurch.org](mailto:dpg@shvchurch.org) to let us know you've started the journey, or if you have any questions! Or, you can call us at 303.690.2520

# JUST THE BEGINNING

God is never done working. Everything He has done through the last month is just a taste of what He is about to do in us. Let's invite Him to speak into even more of our lives. Here are some ways to connect with what Jesus is doing in our community.

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