

**Week One-Spiritual Life** by Rev. Chase Green

Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

Merciful God,

How privileged we are to be your disciples. Strengthen the faith that we have in You by Your grace and help us to see Your face more clearly each and every day. May our faith in You lead us to follow the Way of Jesus with more commitment. For your Way is sure, filled with hope and peace, and leads us to a life fulfilled. As we begin 75 days of prayer, may it unite us with You and Your church. We pray this in Your holy name. Amen.

Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

Loving Lord,

There are many times we feel drained and unsure of who we are. Lead us as only you can, Jesus, to the knowledge and assured faith that our identity is found in You. It is your grace that has led us to be by Your side and filled with the love You offer us time and time again. Stand by our side, Lord, when we have doubts, and encourage us to share the love you give to us with all of Your children. For when we share that love, we remember who we are and whose we are. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

Heavenly Father,

Your Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Direct us to read and study the Scriptures so that we might gain more wisdom of how you want us to live and interact with the world around us. If we meditate on your words and pray for your Holy Spirit to speak to us, we know with confident faith that you will speak. Encourage us to be more active in Your holy word so that we may share Your word with those we encounter to enlighten the world with Your truth. Amen.

Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

Holy One,

Our lives are so very busy with many responsibilities and points of stress that burden us. Embrace us, God, with your comforting peace, so that it may pierce through our rigid and organized routine, and bring calm. Reinforce within us Your deep, unconditional love as the source of our strength and endurance in life. With You guiding us by Your grace, we can overcome whatever obstacles come our way. Thank you, God, for all that You do for us. Amen.

Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

Gracious God,

There are so many times where we feel our prayer life is suffering. Perhaps we feel we aren't praying enough, or maybe it seems our prayers feel inadequate and our heart is not in it. We might even feel like we don't really know how to pray, God. Whatever the case, Father, help us to receive confidence that the prayers we say to You are heard by You. Inspire us to pray more, for You cherish the relationships with Your children and long for us to talk to You. For the love we have for You is shown by our dedication and commitment to engage with You each and every day. Amen.

Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

Almighty God,

Our lives are so noisy with distractions. Lead us to times of quiet and solitude that bring about peace and healing. For you tell us in your Scriptures that You speak to us out of the silence. We are longing to hear Your voice, to feel Your presence point us forward in aligning with Your will. Help us to be more intentional about taking personal time out of our day to focus on You and Your purpose for our lives. Your grace is truly enough to help us combat the distractions that pull us away from you. Help us to believe it. Amen.

Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

Everlasting God,

How our faith can be strengthened is by how we engage with others. When we see people in need, motivate us to take action to give them relief and comfort. When we see those we don't like, help us to pray for them. When we are offended by those we meet, lead us to acts of compassion, mercy, and forgiveness instead of harsh reactions. For we long to live the way Jesus lived, and many times we feel it impossible. But You promised us if we love, seek Your presence, and believe with faith, we can become Christlike. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

January 17, 2016

Heavenly Father,

It must grieve You terribly to see how 'messed up' Your beautiful Creation has become. Help us to add beauty this day to our world, by guarding it in safekeeping by being good stewards of this earth. Show us; nudge us, by Your Holy Spirit, to clean up that which is cluttering Your earth. Instill in us a desire to prevent waste of our precious resources, and cherish each creature and each creation for their intended purpose. And may we, as humans whom you have given 'dominion' over Your creation, hold it in sacred trust. Thank you for Your Goodness and Bounty, O God. Amen.

January 18, 2016

Father,

This day there is someone in our world needing Your wisdom, because they have been placed in a position of power and authority. May their decisions and leadership reflect a greater Spirit, than the human spirit. May their actions reflect Your Will, and not their own. May their agenda be one of goodness, and not evil; welfare for humanity, and not hunger for power over others. May all world leaders lead in a way which promotes peace and harmony, not division and arrogance. Lord, we pray this day for world leaders to practice world harmony and peace which benefits all. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

January 19, 2016

Almighty God,

Hunger is such a problem in this world today. Too many bellies are swollen from hunger, and not inflated by food. Forgive us, we pray, when we waste food. Forgive us, Lord, when we do not engage in ministries to feed those who are starving, not only for food, but affection. Urge us within our hearts to do what we can about World Hunger, by beginning in our own 'backyard,' by feeding those who need it most. May we be intentional about filling the unfulfilled with our love and our gifts of nourishment. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

January 20, 2016

Lord,

So many are frightened throughout our world today. Children are orphaned due to violence, or are enlisted to fight when they are hardly able to carry the weight of the weapon they are given. Innocence is lost, and families are destroyed by the violence. Oh God, we pray for the hearts who are so hardened that taking human life has become 'sport.' We pray for the melting of cold hearts who believe killing others who are not of their belief system, is what their god wants of them. We pray for the hearts of those who are so misguided, so impassioned for the wrong reasons---we pray their hearts will turn to hearts of love for all Christ stands for: Peace, Grace, Compassion, Understanding, Tolerance, and above all: LOVE. Oh, Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

January 21, 2016

God,

I pray today for education of our world. Many of us take our abilities and knowledge for granted. We waste them on useless endeavors, and not efforts which are productive. I pray for those who are illiterate, not because they want to be, but because there is no one to teach them---no one to encourage them---no schools or teachers in their villages to turn around their ignorance. So, God, bless those missionaries who leave the safety of their world to venture out into the dangers of the unfamiliar because they are committed to bring the light of education to the mind which has not been illuminated by the challenge of knowledge or education. Bless them, Lord, and bless those who desire to learn. In Jesus' name, Amen.

January 22, 2016

Father God,

We pray today for the effects of climate change. People's worlds are being destroyed by global warming, as their terrain changes before their eyes with the effects of tsunamis, tornadoes, floods, and hurricanes. Homes once secure where they were built, now are unsafe or even obliterated, as if they never existed, due to the raging weather extremes. Let us be committed to helping stop the spiraling climate changes, by being more intentional in lifestyle changes which can stave off further worldwide climate effects. Help us to know and be encouraged, that together, we may make a difference! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

January 23, 2016

Almighty God,

O God, our God, You have created us all so differently. No one else in this whole wide world is quite like me... In my uniqueness, may I reach out in Your power, Your strength, to make this world a better place. There are things that only I can do which will help this world in which I live. There are only my ideas, with my energy, which can create a greater environment that the world may be blessed. Help me, Lord, to be committed to working toward that end. Through Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen

## **Week 3-Nation**

by Rev. Chase Green

### Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

Generous God,

Our nation is blessed with many freedoms not known to so many in our world. We cherish our freedom of speech and freedom to practice our faith freely. Help us to keep our lives in perspective and think of others who are not as well off as we are. May we be grateful for all we have and do more to relieve suffering wherever we see it. You call us to a higher standard of living, so may we receive your grace freely to answer that call and follow it. Amen.

### Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

Prince of Peace,

The costs of war are truly incalculable. So many men and women have given their lives, suffered horrifically with injuries seen and not seen, all while their family endure the pain of their loss or deep emotional wounds. We pray for an end to war. That our soldiers and veterans would be treated with not only respect, but given the aid and help so many need after giving of themselves so much. Words fail, Lord, on all that we owe them, and we pray for you to work through us to let them know how loved they are. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

Lord of Life,

We pray for an end to gun violence that plagues our time. From shootings at movie theaters to schools to even churches, it so often leaves us feeling helpless. We turn to You, God, for discernment on how to stop such devastating events from happening. We pray for those who have been victims of this violence and their families. No one should have to live in fear, aid us with a culture of love, understanding, respect, and hope. Amen.

### Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

God of Wisdom,

We pray for our President. There is no doubt this position brings on an incredible amount of stress and difficulty that only a small number have ever known. Give him vision, understanding, and strength as he leads our nation. May he be courageous, given the support he needs, and most of all look to You for guidance and wisdom to govern with integrity and ensuring our freedom. Amen.

Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

God of Grace,

We pray for Congress, the Senate, and the House of Representatives. Help them to lead with unity, common sense, great wisdom, and to do what's best for our nation. Inspire them to compromise when they feel deadlocked, motivate them to action when there is inaction, and encourage them to listen to the American people when they lose perspective. May they turn to you for ways to make our great nation lead the world with integrity and peace in mind. Amen.

Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

God of All,

It seems that our nation is divided—divided between old ways and new ways, violence and non-violence, democrats and republicans, compassion and wrath, and rich and poor. We pray for unity, God. Bring peace to our nation, real peace that lasts. We are tired of the bickering and constant tearing down of others. Help us lead by example and show true love to others, deep understanding and respect for all people, and aid us by your Holy Spirit to not grow shy to speaking out for peace and respect for others. Amen.

Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

Eternal God,

We pray for our nation's future. That we would make wise and faithful choices in decisions large and small. Help to keep our nation safe, advocating for peace and justice, and ensuring freedom as a basic human right. We give thanks to you, Lord, for all you have blessed us with in our nation. May we in turn be faithful to You and Your ways of love. Amen.

**Week 4-Little Rock**

by Rev. Chase Green

Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

God of Understanding,

Pour out your grace upon the district superintendent, school officials, staff, teachers, students, and parents that the schools in Little Rock would be a place of quality education, and a place for greatness in the lives of all of our kids. Give teachers the tools and resources they need to teach effectively and a desire to encourage those in their classrooms to aim higher and dream big about how they can make a difference in the world. Amen.

Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

Creator God,

We pray for our Mayor, City Council, and all those in elected positions to make Little Rock a better place. Inspire them, God, to lead with strength, boldness, and wisdom. May they listen to all voices and discern and implement plans for helping Little Rock grow. Instill faithful leadership in pursuit of peace and harmony within our city. Amen.

Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sovereign Lord,

Bless and protect our police officers and firefighters as they protect us from harm. They know what sacrifice means, and we give thanks for their courage and bravery as they confront difficult situations. We pray for their families, Lord, that You would give them comfort and peace of mind as their loved ones are out doing what they are called to do. Keep our city safe and be with all those who have lost loved ones in the line of duty. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Great Physician,

Be with our hospitals. We pray that Your hands would guide the hands of every doctor and nurse. You heal so many, Lord, and we seek your wisdom, strength, and healing touch be given to all those who work with the sick or who are facing life threatening surgery. Be with those who have lost loved ones to illness, or who are having to provide full time care to family members. Give them comfort. Amen.

Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

Wondrous God,

We pray for You to watch over our city and keep it safe. Give peace to the hearts of those wanting to commit crimes and lead them to a better path towards You and Your grace. Lead us to ways to prevent crimes and that the people who feel motivated to commit them would have a better atmosphere of love and support. Amen.

Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

Merciful Lord,

Be with all those who are homeless in Little Rock, and those who are struggling to provide for their families. May we comfort them, show them support, and create relationships with them that are encouraging. Work your grace through us, so we will represent Your love in a real way to them. We are your hands and feet in this world, and we want to be a means of help to those in need. Amen.

Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

Compassionate God,

How thankful we are for all those who are sanitation workers and work to pick up all that we toss out so freely, and often times without a second thought. Help us to be mindful of all that we waste, but also of those who have to deal with our excess waste. May they know how appreciated they are by thanking them when we see them and giving them the respect they are owed. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## **WEEK 5-Children/ACCDC**

by Laura Stinnett/Ora Bunton

February 7, 2016

God, please bless our children as they come to this place of worship that they feel your love around them. May they learn more about you and your son, Jesus Christ. Open their hearts to receive and understand this love in their hearts. Amen.

February 8, 2016

God, bless each child as they come to ACCDC today. As they go through their day, may the children experience Christ through their lessons, friends, teachers and play. Thank you for our parents who entrust their children to us to grow through education with a focus on you. Amen.

February 9, 2016

Holy One, we ask your guidance for the ACCDC teachers and staff. May they instill the love of Christ and lovingly connect with each child in their care. Help them to keep their focus on you and provide an educational environment that is pleasing in your site. Amen.

February 10, 2016

Jesus, bless all our children. We understand that our children have many challenges in their life. Challenges that may be small or big to them. Let them be reminded that we care for each one and will help them through those trails. Amen.

February 11, 2016

Dear God, help us to follow Christ's example. Let us welcome others into our faith community. We pray our children will lead by example and inspire others seek the love of Christ. As they share that love, may they do it with friendly smiles and kind words. In Jesus' name, Amen.

February 12, 2016

As it is the close of the week, we pray that our children have a safe weekend. May our families be protected as they go through their various activities and events. Surround them with your loving arms and encourage them to be Christ's hands and feet in that they do. Amen.

February 13, 2016

Lord, we lastly give thanks for our parents. Please give them strength, wisdom and perseverance as they continue to raise their children each and every day. Even though they may be faced with many challenges and trails, remind them that you are the Great Counselor. Amen.

## Week 6-Youth

by Amy Bennett

February 14, 2016

Father, we come to You today, thanking You for Your goodness and love. We also thank You for the education that You are providing our students. Thank You for the teachers and other professionals who dedicate their lives to guiding our Youth. We ask that You help our students be able to focus and learn, in order that they may fulfill Your calling in their lives. We ask that You would use the time that is spent in school not only to help them develop intellectually, but also socially and emotionally. Thank You for providing safe and nurturing environments for student growth. In Your name we pray, Amen.

February 15, 2016

Lord, we thank You that You are our perfect Father. We also want to thank You for the families in which You have placed each of our Youth. Whether they be biological, adoptive, extended, or a family made up of friends, we thank You that You are giving a network of support to our students. We ask that no student ever feel alone, and that You use us to provide encouragement and love when it is needed. We also ask that our students shine as a bright light for You within their families, pointing each family member toward Your love. Finally, we ask that You would remove any conflict within family units, allowing Your peace and love to permeate each home. We thank You for our families, Lord. Amen.

February 16, 2016

God, we approach You right now, thanking You for the ways in which You have allowed us to grow during our time following You. We also thank You for the Spiritual growth that You are facilitating in the lives of our students. You call us not to stay the same, but to change and to become more like Your son, Jesus Christ. We ask that, through Your sanctifying grace, that You would help our Youth to follow You more closely, and to fall deeper in love with You each day. Please provide time and focus for our students to work on further developing their relationship with You. We ask that same thing for ourselves, Lord. Help every member of Asbury to grow in Your grace. Thank You for hearing our prayers. Amen.

February 17, 2016

Father, we thank You for the people in our lives who have pointed us to You. We thank You that we have had those in our lives who have understood the importance of helping us grow spiritually. We ask that You would help our Youth to become those people for others. Please remove and anxiety or fear, and help our Youth to boldly proclaim Your name in school, at home, and in their activities. Please give them the words to say and a burning desire to see others come to know You. Please use our students to change the World for You. We thank You in advance, Lord. Amen.

February 18, 2016

Lord, we thank You for the fact that You choose to use us in ministry. This is an exciting privilege that we often take for granted, and we are sorry, Lord. Thank You for allowing us the chance to be Your hands and feet on this Earth. Thank You for the willingness of our students to serve You in various ways. Please develop this desire in them even more, and please provide Your protection as they serve others. Help them to see all people as Your creation, and help them to willingly meet the needs of those within whom they come in contact. Help us to have the heart of a servant, Lord, as You demonstrated every day of Your life on Earth. Amen.

February 19, 2016

God, we thank You for each individual student that is involved at Asbury. We thank You for the plans that You have for them, and the ways that You are already, and will continue, using them in this World. We ask right now that You guide our students down the paths that You would have them walk. We pray for their education, their future jobs and families, and their places in Your Kingdom. As these Youth transition in to college and adulthood, please help them to grow and develop in their love for You. Please give them peace knowing that You are sovereign. Please help us to remember this in our own lives, as well. We love You, Lord. Amen.

February 20, 2016

Almighty God, we thank You for the lives of our Youth. We thank You for the protection that You provide them each day, even as they are unaware of You doing so. We ask that You would continue to protect our students, and that You would give them good health in the days to come. We ask that You would prevent disease and any addiction, and that You would give them lives that are whole and healthy. We also ask in the times of sickness that will occasionally occur, that You would heal them quickly and fully. As they are driving, playing sports, and living their teenage lives, please give extra angels to guard them. We thank You for Your love and provision, God. We pray in Your name, Amen.

## **Week 7-Young Adults**

By Amy Bennett

February 21, 2016

Lord, as You know, Young Adulthood is full of transitions. We ask that You would guide our Young Adults through the many transitions that they face, and are going to face over the next few years. From college graduation, to finding a job, to leaving home, to getting married, to starting a family, there are many points at which our Young Adults will face a new situation. We ask that You would give them certainty as they make decisions regarding life, and that with each major life change, they look to You. Please help us also to look to You, as our lives change, as well. We love You, Lord. Amen.

February 22, 2016

Lord, we thank You for connectivity of Young Adults. We thank You for all of the relationships that they have, with new friends and old, new family and old, neighbors, co-workers, and all others within whom they come in contact. We ask that as our Young Adults continuing in these relationships and develop new ones, that You would use them as bearers of Your light. Please shine through them, in order that others may come to see and know You. Please also help them as they go about the task of growing the Young Adult ministry, that they may bring friends and family to become part of our Asbury family. Thank You for the privilege of allowing us to be Your ministers to the World. Amen.

February 23, 2016

God, we thank You that You are a Perfect Father. We thank You for our families and friends, and for the way that You model to us how to love. We pray right now for the families and relationships of our Young Adults. Some are parents, some are newlyweds, some are dating, and some are single, but all could use Your guidance in the area of the development of their families and relationships. We ask that You honor the prayers that are lifted up by our Young Adults in regard to this area, as they are many and frequent. Please give us all the families that You want us to have, and please help all of our households to be the kind that honor and put You first. In Your name we pray, Amen.

February 24, 2016

Almighty God, we thank You that You have a plan for each of us. We thank You for the amazing things that You are going to do in the lives of our Young Adults, and for the ways that You are going to use them to help and change the lives of others. We ask that You provide each Young Adult in Asbury with a legacy that brings glory and honor to You. Through accomplishments in work, family, the church, and the community, please help our Young Adults to continue to point to You with their lives. Keep them humble, Father, but use them in mighty ways for Your Kingdom. Please surround them with the resources and support systems that they need in order to make a difference for You. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

February 25, 2016

Father, we thank You for the church-life of the Young Adults as Asbury. We thank You that this ministry has grown and developed over the past year, and we thank You for the leadership that You have put in place to help facilitate this growth. We thank You that these families love You and have a desire to be connected to the church, and are actively finding ways to serve. Thank You for providing ministry opportunities, and thank You for providing Young Adults who find it important to express their love for You. We ask that You would bless their service, and that You would find it as a pleasing act of Worship. Please hear our prayer. Amen.

February 26, 2016

Father, we thank You that, because of the sacrifice of Your Son, we are able to have unlimited access to You. We thank You for the Bible studies, the books, the podcasts, the sermons, the music, and all of the other resources that You provide that help us to connect with You. We ask right now that You help our Young Adults in their journey to become more like You. Help them to find the time to dedicate to their Spiritual Growth, and help them to find a deeper connection to You. Through Your sanctifying grace, develop them in to the people You want them to be. And please do the same for all of us, Lord. We thank You. Amen.

February 27, 2016

God, we thank You that You are the author of peace. We know that we can trust in You completely, and that there is no situation in which You are not in control. We ask right now that You provide an extra dose of peace in the lives of our Young Adults. As they face difficulties, whether it be financial, relational, physical, or even spiritual, we ask that You hold them in the palm of Your hand. Help them to feel Your presence, to sense Your guidance, and to rest in the comfort that only You can give. We also ask that You would make them in to vehicles of Your peace, taking it to their co-workers, friends, families, and the world. Thank You for sovereignty, Lord. Amen.

## Week 8-Missions

by Amy Bennett

February 28, 2016

Lord, thank you that you call us to have faith like a child, and that you love us like a Father. We thank you today for the ministry of Asbury Christian Child Development Center. We pray for the teachers who daily minister to the children, and ask that you would guide them as they help the children develop some of their first concepts about You. We thank you for building a faith in our little ones that transcends our adult minds. Continue to use them to remind us that you care for every person in our lives. Amen

February 29, 2016

Father, we thank you so much for all of the blessings that you have provided for us, that we so often take for granted. Right now, we pray for the ministry of Stone Soup. We thank you for the faithful members of Asbury who take part every month, and we thank you for those who come and serve occasionally. We ask that as Asbury members serve, that you remind them that You said they are actually feeding you. We pray that you would keep those who receive the meals safe, warm, and healthy. Please provide for them not only physical nourishment, but spiritual nourishment, as well. Thank you for meeting all of our needs, God. Amen.

March 1, 2016

God, we thank you for the location of Asbury in West Little Rock. We thank you that we are so close in proximity to so many people and families. We pray now for our outreach efforts as a church. We ask that as we host community events and visit nearby apartments, that you would help us connect with new people who need a church home. Help us to be a representation of you, in order to draw others to your church. We ask that you would also make us aware of the needs in our individual neighborhoods, that we would reach out to our own neighbors, as well. Help us to spread the news of you, and of your church, as we live our daily lives. Amen.

March 2, 2016

Lord, we thank you for your love and provision, and the opportunity to minister to others in your name. We pray today for those who have needs, within whom we come in contact in our daily lives. We pray that we would use the resources we have, such as the Good Samaritan closet and food kits, in order to meet their physical needs. But beyond that, we ask that you would help us to share your love and kindness. Please open our eyes to the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of those around us, and help us to respond to them. We love you, Lord. Amen.

March 3, 2016

Father, we thank you for the forgiveness that you offer us. We thank you that you give us all second, third, and an infinite number of chances. Right now we lift up Asbury's Prison Ministry. We thank you for the men and women who help with this ministry and for their faithfulness in reaching out to those who need extra love and support. We ask that you would give these ministers strength, and that you would make them vehicles of your comfort and love. We pray for those within whom they come in contact, that you would prepare their hearts to receive your love and light. We pray for the families of the prisoners while they are away, that they would also receive the care and support that they need. Thank you for hearing our prayers, Lord. Amen.

March 4, 2016

Almighty God, we thank you that you can bring us peace and provision in times of crisis. We thank you for using the United Methodist Committee on Relief to do just that. We pray for the men and women who respond to the many crises of our world, that you would keep them safe and give them the extra energy they need to keep going. We thank you for those who donate to UMCOR, and ask that you would multiply those resources to meet the many needs that occur. Finally, we pray for those who will experience tragedy this year, that you would help them to experience your peace and love in the midst of difficulty. Thank you for being a constant that we can count on in times of stress. Amen.

March 5, 2016

God, we thank you that you chose to use all of us in your ministry. We want to lift up Ozark Mission Project right now, and thank you for Asbury's long legacy in sending students to serve you and others through this ministry. We would like to lift up the team that is currently preparing to serve this summer. We pray that you would keep them safe and energized as they serve, as well as aware of the spiritual and relational needs of those for whom they are working. We also ask that you would begin preparing the hearts of those who are receiving help, that they would encounter you in a new and fresh way because of the students. Finally, Lord, please change the hearts of every person who serves at OMP this summer, deepening their connection to you. Thank you for loving us, God. Amen.

**Week 9-Worship and Singing** by Stephen Edds

Sunday, March 6

Heavenly Father, let us praise you for Your majesty and power displayed in creation.  
As we consider the work of your hands, the moon and stars, the grass of the fields,  
we thank you for Your marvelous and miraculous deeds.  
How majestic is Your name in all the earth.

Monday, March 7

Heavenly Father, Reveal your mercy and forgiveness as we worship and sing Psalms to You.  
Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths;  
guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior.

Tuesday, March 8

Eternal God, we Bless Your Holy Name as the Sovereign God above all.  
The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. Lift up your heads, O you gates;  
be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Wednesday, March 9

Heavenly Father, we lift up our joyful songs of praise to You.  
Praise the Lord with the harp and the lyre.  
Sing to God a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

Thursday, March 10

Heavenly Father, enable us to hear the Word of God and apply it to our hearts.  
For with you is the fountain of life, in your light we see light.  
Continue your love to those who know you.

Friday, March 11

Heavenly Father, we bless You for turning our mourning into dancing.  
Clap your hand, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.  
How awesome is the Lord Most High, the great King over all the earth!

Saturday, March 12

Heavenly Father, through our worship, arouse a deep love for and trust in God.  
I will exalt you, O Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths.  
Sing to the Lord, praise His holy name.

## **Week 10-Prayers for Discipleship**

by Rev. Mary Hilliard

March 13, 2016

God,  
Not everyone is a leader. Yet, I seem to find myself 'being pulled' by Something toward that! How do I know I am really 'called' to lead? How do I know it's not my ego, or just someone wanting me to do something they don't want to do? How will I fill my inadequacies in trying to fulfill this responsibility? Lord, I know that's a lot of questions. Wait!!... Didn't Jesus tell me not to worry? Didn't He teach us to TRUST Him to lead us and assure us that HE is all we need when we are called to serve? Okay, Lord, I'll do it...not reluctantly, but willingly...because I trust in You to guide me every step of the way. I'm ready, Lord. LET'S GO! Amen.

March 14, 2016

Lord,  
I've always known I was not created to be a 'Star.' I'm just not comfortable, even when I'm told I should 'stretch' myself to lead. It just doesn't work for me when 'I'm not true to myself.' But, Jesus has always needed 'followers,' right? And THAT'S who I am! In obedience, may I be a faithful follower, Lord. In humility, may I be thankful to follow. In love of you, O God, let me follow You in adoration of You. In joy, may I remember what a blessing it is; a privilege it is; to be a TRUE FOLLOWER of Your Son, and my Savior, Jesus Christ. In His Holy Name, I pray. Amen.

March 15, 2016

Father,

I am feeling led to participate. I have this void which needs filling. I want to serve Jesus, but don't know where to start. I feel a yearning to be more involved in order to express my faith. But, I need others. I need encouragement from others; I need to hear others, and share with others.

Lord, lead me to a group like You formed Your disciples in a group. More can be done when there is support and help, so Lord, I ask You lead me to a group who wants to learn; who want to grow; who also wants their spirit fed, so they can be a greater and more vital part of the Kingdom.

In Christ's Holy Name I pray, Amen.

March 16, 2016

Heavenly Father,

You are so good to me...to us all! Your Wisdom is Awesome; Your Blessings so abundant! I delight in discovering ways You use me for Your Will. Who knew when I learned something in school, or experienced something in my past, that YOU would use it for Your Glory?!

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Thy name in all the Earth! May I be true to using my talents and gifts and graces for YOUR Will and YOUR Honor, now and forevermore. And may all who are recipients of that which I dedicate to You, be blessed, perhaps, even inspired, to explore their talents and gifts You have so generously given to them, and dedicate them to Your service. In Jesus' Name, I pray. Amen.

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March 17, 2016

Oh, Lord,

Money, money, money! Why does EVERYTHING seem to revolve around Money?! Your Word teaches us a lot about being 'good stewards' of our money. Jesus taught us not to 'worry about anything, because our Father in heaven will take care of us.' Why is it always such an issue? Could my attitude be a part of the problem? Could my attitude then, be part of the solution? God, this day, I am going to commit to worrying about money less, and trusting You more, where money or anything else, is concerned. And, God, please give me the courage and strength I NEED to adjust my priorities, and give to you FIRST, and not what's leftover. I *want* to do that, Lord. I *Need* to do that, Lord. I place my Trust in You, that You will help me achieve this desire, Lord. For Your Glory, Lord. For Your Glory! In Christ's name, Amen.

March 18, 2016

Jesus taught us the importance of Sharing. May I be more aware of ways today I can share of myself: My gifts; my time; my prayers; just even, my presence with someone who is lonely, sick or in need. God, You share with us constantly! Where would I be if You did not share Your Love, Your Patience, Your Direction, or Your Wisdom? Thank you for Sharing Most of All, Your Son, Jesus with me, and with us all. I love you, God. Amen.

March 19, 2016

Almighty and Loving Father,

Thank you for my mind, and the ability to learn. As a true disciple means 'learner,' I don't want to ever tire of learning. I want to absorb all there is to know about Your Love and Wisdom, Grace, and Compassion. Lord, steer me toward opportunities to be the student of Your Will that You want me to be.

Thank you for great teachers who have taught me in the past; teach me in the present; and will be teaching me in my future. Bless them, Lord. And thank You most of all, for the Greatest Teacher who ever lived: Jesus, the Master Teacher, and my Lord and Savior. Amen!

## **Week 11-Holy Week**

by Rev. Chase Green

### Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

Humble Lord,

As you ride on a donkey into Jerusalem hearing shouts of "Hosanna!" may we humble our hearts to experience this holy week in a genuine act of worship of You. Help us to not forget Jesus' calling for us to listen closely, watch attentively, and to examine ourselves. As we walk with Jesus, following every footstep he makes, fill us with grace, patience, and conviction to live lives truly disciplined in the Way of Love. Amen.

### Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

Giving God,

You bless us time and time again with your grace that strengthens, encourages, inspires, and transforms us into more faithful people. May we give of ourselves even more than we have this Lenten season as we continue to walk through holy week. We give You our full attention, heartfelt worship and praise, and our purpose for living. Amen.

### Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Lord of Lords,

You call us to be your children who show mercy, forgiveness, and love to all. You challenge us to pray for and love our enemies. You direct us to turn the other cheek when we have been wronged. You have taught us the path is narrow, so we are eager, God, to walk that

narrow path by your grace and strength. Watch our steps as we walk, smooth the path before us so we may avoid stumbling and falling away from your path. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

### Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Divine Master,

Your way is true. Your way is life. Your way is unconditional love. May the Holy Spirit fill us with all that we need to live lives focused and dedicated to You. Give us courage to face our problems that want to trip us with how You have taught us to live and respond to others. The love you show us is truly incredible. The way You welcome us back in your comforting arms when we fail fills us with awe. The wisdom You lead with brings so much depth for how we are to live. We turn to you, God, as our guide. Amen.

### Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

Holy One,

When you gathered in the upper room to share Holy Communion with your disciples, they did not know the next 24 hours would be so difficult. You gave them, throughout your ministry with them, all the tools they would need to carry your Gospel to the ends of the Earth. Bless us God with a passion to live for You. As you shared the body and blood of Christ with Your disciples, you equipped them to transform the world by your grace. Fire us up to be bold and courageous to want the same transforming grace. Amen.

Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

Lord Jesus,

We kneel at the foot of your cross in humility, thanksgiving and praise, and a vow to follow You forever. You have given Your life. You are our Savior and Lord who has emptied himself fully so we might know your love and grace, and be given everlasting life. You have freed us from the powers of sin and death, so help us to know deep in our hearts that the only thing holding us back is ourselves. May we claim your love and saving grace this day and every day before us. In Your Mighty and Saving Name, Amen.