

May 4, 2023

National Day of Prayer Guide

Bethel Church

Fairmont, MN

Praise to God:

Read the following psalm and take time to praise God.

Psalm 29 (ESV)

A PSALM OF DAVID.

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Pray praising God for who He is and all He's done for you.

Personal Confession and Repentance:

LORD JESUS,

Give me a deeper repentance, a horror of sin, a dread of its approach; Help me chastely to flee it, and jealously to resolve that my heart shall be thine alone.

Give me a deeper trust, that I may lose myself to find myself in thee, the ground of my rest, the spring of my being.

Give me a deeper knowledge of thyself as Saviour, Master, Lord, and King.

Give me deeper power in private prayer, more sweetness in thy Word, more steadfast grip on its truth.

Give me deeper holiness in speech, thought, action, and let me not seek moral virtue apart from thee.

Plough deep in me, great Lord, heavenly Husbandman, that my being may be a tilled field, the roots of grace spreading far and wide, until thou alone art seen in me, thy beauty golden like summer harvest, thy fruitfulness as autumn plenty.

I have no Master but thee, no law but thy will, no delight but thyself, no wealth but that thou givest, no good but that thou blessest, no peace but that thou bestowest. I am nothing but that thou makest me, I have nothing but that I receive from thee, I can be nothing but that grace adorns me.

Quarry me deep, dear Lord, and then fill me to overflowing with living water.

- THE DEEPS (The Valley of Vision, 134-135)

Pray confessing any sin that the Spirit brings to your mind.

Thanksgiving to God

Psalm 75 (ESV)

TO THE CHOIRMASTER: ACCORDING TO DO NOT DESTROY. A PSALM OF ASAPH. A SONG.

¹We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near. We recount your wondrous deeds.

² "At the set time that I appoint I will judge with equity.

³ When the earth totters, and all its inhabitants, it is I who keep steady its pillars. Selah

⁴ I say to the boastful, 'Do not boast,' and to the wicked, 'Do not lift up your horn; ⁵ do not lift up your horn on high, or speak with haughty neck.' "

⁶ For not from the east or from the west and not from the wilderness comes lifting up, ⁷ but it is God who executes judgment, putting down one and lifting up another.

⁸ For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup with foaming wine, well mixed, and he pours out from it, and all the wicked of the earth shall drain it down to the dregs.

⁹ But I will declare it forever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

¹⁰ All the horns of the wicked I will cut off, but the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.

Pray thanking God for all that He has done for you, especially that you are saved because Jesus took the cup of God's wrath for you.

Requests of God:

Our Nation and World:

- For a turning back to God in our nation.
- For effectiveness of followers of Jesus to witness.

Government:

- President, Vice President, Congressional Leaders, Supreme Court Justices
- Governor, Executive Leaders, Legislative Leaders, Judicial Leaders
- Mayor, City Counsel, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Judges, County Officials

Military:

- Perseverance to endure hardship.
- Wise leadership
- Protection.
- For mental healthy of returning service members.

Media:

- For those who make decisions to produce uplifting project.
- For Christians in media to find favor and be able to produce quality projects.

Business:

- For the flourishing of God-honoring businesses and leaders.
- For Christian workers to be a witness and blessing.

Education:

- Safety in our schools.
- For encouragement, excellence, and retention of great staff.

Church:

- For effective witness in our world and holiness in our lives
- For Christian families to be strengthened