# **Monthly Living Devotional**

"Pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective" (James 5:16). This daily devotional is an important ministry of our church. The scripture readings that are included for each day direct our attention to and shed light upon the texts we read together each Sunday morning. The individuals and families listed each day are part of our extended family, and knowing that we have so many folks praying for us each day can be a powerful and uplifting experience. We hope you find this guide useful to your daily prayer life.

## Thu, 01 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 1; Genesis 39:1-23; Philippians 2:25-30;

Pray for: Lisa, Shawn & William Balabas

Source of life and blessing, of garden, orchard, field, root us in obedience to you and nourish us by your ever-flowing Spirit, that, perceiving only the good we might do, our lives may be fruitful, our labor productive, and our service useful, in communion with Jesus, our brother. Amen.

## Fri, 02 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 7:12-26; Colossians 4:7-17;

Pray for: Robert Balding & Family

### Sat, 03 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 29:2-20; Matthew 10:34-42;

Pray for: Todd Barkman

Sun, 04 Sep 2016 (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Read: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

### Mon, 05 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 101; 2 Kings 17:24-41; 1 Timothy 3:14—4:5;

Pray for: Scott Bird

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### Tue, 06 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 101; 2 Kings 18:9-18; 1 Timothy 4:6-16;

Pray for: Tony & Betty Bird

#### Wed, 07 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 101; 2 Kings 18:19-25; 19:1-7; Luke 18:18-30;

Pray for: Charles & Wanda Bowers

#### Thu, 08 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 51:1-10; Genesis 6:1-6; 1 Timothy 1:1-11;

Pray for: Charles & Marilyn Brumley

Persistently forgiving God, we are a stiff-necked and stubborn people who try your patience; yet, instead of giving us up for lost, you seek us out until we return to you. Break our willfulness and bring us back from our wanderings; bend our pride and create in us pure and faithful hearts, which rejoice in your forgiveness made known through Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Fri, 09 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 51:1-10; Genesis 7:6-10; 8:1-5; 2 Peter 2:1-10a;

Pray for: Frances Brumley

## Sat, 10 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 51:1-10; Genesis 8:20—9:7; John 10:11-21;

Pray for: Martha Grace & Michael Moore

# Sun, 11 Sep 2016 (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Read: Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

## Mon, 12 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 73; Amos 7:1-6; 1 Timothy 1:18-20;

Pray for: Ken & Laura Paulson

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### Tue, 13 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 73; Jonah 3:1-10; 2 Peter 3:8-13;

Pray for: Hunter & Jess Burkey

### Wed, 14 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 73; Job 40:6-14; 42:1-6; Luke 22:31-33, 54-62;

Pray for: Jim Brumley

## Thu, 15 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 113; Exodus 23:1-9; Romans 3:1-8;

Pray for: Willie Brumley

O God, you call us to embrace both you and the children of this world with unconditional love. Give us grace to discern what your love demands of us, that, being faithful in things both great and small, we may serve you with an undivided heart. Amen.

#### Fri, 16 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 113; Ezekiel 22:17-31; Romans 8:31-39;

Pray for: Josephine Burkey

# Sat, 17 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 113; Isaiah 5:8-23; Mark 12:41-44;

Pray for: Lynn Burkey

# Sun, 18 Sep 2016 (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Read: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

# Mon, 19 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 12; Proverbs 14:12-31; Acts 4:1-12;

Pray for: Martin Burkey

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### Tue, 20 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 12; Proverbs 17:1-5; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23;

Pray for: Margaret Burkey

# Wed, 21 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 12; Proverbs 21:10-16; Luke 20:45—21:4;

Pray for: Paul & Ruth, Thomas, Nancy Katherine Burkey

### Thu, 22 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 146; Proverbs 22:2-16; 2 Corinthians 8:8-15;

Pray for: Anthony & Sandra, Thomas, Ethan Carter

Holy God, you reach out in love through Jesus Christ to save us so that we may live as faithful servants of you alone. Unchain us from our desire for wealth and power so that we may, in turn, release others from the prisons of poverty, hunger, and oppression. Amen.

### Fri, 23 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 146; Proverbs 28:3-10; Ephesians 2:1-10;

Pray for: Edwina Catron

#### Sat, 24 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 146; Proverbs 28:11-28; Luke 9:43b-48;

Pray for: Julia & Adam, Vincent, Christopher, Sophia, Ava Caudill

### Sun, 25 Sep 2016 (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Read: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

### Mon, 26 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 62; Amos 6:8-14; Revelation 3:14-22;

Pray for: Kenny & Amy, Kenton Cobble

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### Tue, 27 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 62; Hosea 10:9-15; James 5:1-6;

Pray for: James Crewe

# Wed, 28 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 62; Hosea 12:2-14; Matthew 19:16-22; Pray for: Kimra, Caitlin, Scott & Hannah Crocker

### Thu, 29 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Kings 18:1-8, 28-36; Revelation 2:8-11;

Pray for: Mike Douthat

God of all the ages, you have revealed your grace in our Savior, Jesus Christ. As we wait patiently on your mercies, strengthen us to live in your justice, that with our open hearts we may hear and accomplish your will, through Christ, who lights the way to life everlasting. Amen.

### Fri, 30 Sep 2016

Read: Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Kings 19:8-20, 35-37; Revelation 2:12-29;

Pray for: Cathy & Doug Duncan