

DAILY PRAYER MEDITATIONS

November 17-22, 2025

Monday, November 17, 2025 (by Marilyn Culler)

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 <https://tinyurl.com/3unckzjb>

PONDER: I had just read a story about a police officer recovering three stolen vehicles in three separate instances in one shift. I began to pray, and in prayer I was led to Ephesians 4:28, which admonishes, “Thieves, quit stealing.” Vehicles, tortoisés, priceless jewelry, restaurant meals, cash – these are a few thefts that I’ve been made aware of in recent days. Why do people steal? I don’t have the answer. What I do know is that throughout this journey of faith, through prayer, God has answered by needs. In times of struggle, I never gave up on all that God provides. When we fashion ourselves after God’s goodness, it comes back to us.

PRAYER: God, keep me in the footsteps of Christ, whose love and goodness never fail. Amen.

ACTION: Do you have something you like but don’t use? Give it away with love and a blessing.

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 (by Ashlée Vitz)

James 2:1-13 <https://tinyurl.com/3nnuy8fm>

PONDER: Favoritism contradicts faith in Christ. Mercy triumphs over judgment. Communities of faith must embody equity and compassion.

PRAY: God of mercy, free me from favoritism. Amen.

ACTION: Notice someone overlooked and treat them with dignity today.

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 (by Marilyn Culler)

Matthew 23:37-24:14 <https://tinyurl.com/vw2xxrus>

PONDER: Jesus foresees suffering in his own time, in the near future, and for ages to come. No surprise here – after all, Jesus is God’s son. God knows much about deception, wars, famines and earthquakes, hate, false prophets, disobedience and all sorts of human failings. Jesus shows us humans a path of peace, and we refuse to embrace the goodness that comes from residing in God’s love. It’s easy to get discouraged. And yet, we must live and love as Jesus showed us. We don’t have to try to change the world – we just need to make a difference for good in our communities.

PRAYER: Holy God, shelter in the storm and strength in the struggle, guide me to Your Truth today and every day. Amen.

ACTION: What good is Jesus asking of you today? Follow his lead.

Thursday, November 20, 2025 (by Ashlée Vitz)

James 3:1-12 <https://tinyurl.com/3atvj59j>

PONDER: The tongue is small but powerful—capable of blessing and cursing. To follow Christ is to discipline speech for building up, not tearing down.

PRAY: God, guard my words today. Amen.

ACTION: Speak one intentional blessing to someone.

Friday, November 21, 2025 (by Ashlée Vitz)

James 3:13-4:10 <https://tinyurl.com/yw25czrc>

PONDER: True wisdom is pure, peaceable, gentle, and full of mercy. Pride brings downfall, but humility draws us near to God.

PRAY: Humble God, root me in peace and wisdom. Amen.

ACTION: Choose humility today: listen more than you speak.

Saturday, November 22, 2025 (by Lisa Trigg)

Acts 2:36-47 <https://tinyurl.com/bd7mrr2s>

PONDER: A wise mentor once answered my question about how I could be a better follower of Jesus. I explained that I studied and read a lot about faith and being a Christian, but I felt like I could be doing more. I just didn't know what "more" meant. He quietly said, "Disciple others to be followers of Jesus. That's what we are all called to do." I chewed on that for quite a while. I realized that Bible study and prayer could help me, but if I were to help others, it would take discipling others to love like Jesus loves, pray, speak up and offer forgiveness like Jesus does. It takes making connection with others — maybe over a meal or at a community event — where discussions could begin and relationship could grow. It means reaching out to folks experiencing difficulties or uncertainties, and offering encouragement and hope, along with prayers for good outcomes. I'm still learning how to disciple others, and how to let others disciple me. God's spirit draw people into faith and deepens it through fellowship and service to others. May it always be so.

PRAYER: Dear God, grant the promise that is for all who are near and far off — for all whom the Lord our God will call. Amen.

ACTION: Consider new ways you can disciple someone about Jesus.