

**PRAYER:** Patient God, sometimes we feel like you are shrouded in a cloud like a great mountain. Give us courage and patience to move into the cloud and wait for transformation. Amen.

**ACTION:** Consider things that wait for transformation, like butterflies, and acorns. Praise God for transformations.

**Saturday, August 30, 2025** (by Lisa Trigg)

Matthew 20:20-28 <https://tinyurl.com/f6rykedk>

**PONDER:** Being first in line always used to be such a big thing in elementary school. It was usually a selection process by the teacher. A type of reward for good behavior, and about setting a good example for others. You guessed it – I was seldom first in line. A dear old neighbor gave me something to think about, however. He pointed out that those folks who are farther back in the line should pay attention to see if those at the front run into trouble. If something is tripping them up, you can be better prepared to avoid the hazard and help those in trouble. After that, I didn't mind so much being near the back of the line. Perspective, and dear old neighbors, matter.

**PRAYER:** Dear God, thank you for the wisdom of others and the perspectives they share. May I grow and be able to share that same wisdom to others. Amen.

**ACTION:** Let someone go ahead of you in line somewhere today, and be thankful.

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## DAILY PRAYER MEDITATIONS

August 25 to August 30, 2025

**Monday, August 25, 2025** (by Marilyn Culler)

Psalms 109:21-31 <https://tinyurl.com/mtkptca2>

**PONDER:** Praise. Petition. Hope. These are the things of the psalmists. If you're like me, you've had times when we've felt broken, lower than low, no hope in sight. These are the times when a conversation with our loving God can revive us. As I read these words about a weakened body, I think of the starving people in Gaza. I pray for them. I know God sees their suffering, while I sit in comfort with a refrigerator full of food. I wish I had the solution for world hunger – all I can do is not look away, keep praying, hold steadfast in the knowledge that my God of all Creation will make wars cease and bring peace to a chaotic world.

**PRAYER:** God, grant us Your peace. Rescue the perishing. Hold the powerful accountable. Thank You. Amen.

**ACTION:** Prayer changes things. Pray every day for food to reach starving people.

**Tuesday, August 26, 2025** (by Ashlee Vitz)

Ephesians 6:21-24 <https://tinyurl.com/5n8kjs79>

**PONDER:** In this closing passage of Ephesians, Paul highlights the importance of community, encouragement, and the blessings of peace, love, and grace. As Jesus' followers, these values resonate deeply with our commitment to inclusivity, justice, and the transformative power of God's love. Here, Paul sends Tychicus to encourage and inform the believers, emphasizing the significance of staying connected and supportive of one another. In our own faith communities, we are called to be sources of encouragement and support, fostering an environment where everyone feels valued and uplifted. Paul's blessing of peace, love, and grace reminds us of the foundational elements of our faith. Peace calls us to seek harmony and justice in our world. Love, combined with faith, urges us to act compassionately towards all, reflecting Christ's inclusive love. Grace, freely given to us, inspires us to extend that same grace to others, nurturing a community where everyone can experience God's boundless love.

**PRAYER:** Gracious God, thank You for the peace, love, and grace You have bestowed upon us. Help us to be sources of encouragement and support within our communities. May Your peace guide us, Your love inspire us, and Your grace transform us as we seek to live out Your will. Amen.

**ACTION:** Meditate on these words this week. Recommit yourself to being a vessel of peace, love, and grace. Consider one tangible way that you can act on and show each of those attributes to specific people in your life this week. In doing so, we honor God and build a community that truly reflects His kingdom on earth.

**Wednesday, August 27, 2025** (by Ashlee Vitz)

Luke 6:6-11 <https://tinyurl.com/5tr5mzpb>

**PONDER:** Jesus heals a man with a withered hand on the Sabbath, challenging rigid interpretations of law. The question he poses — "Is it lawful to do good?" — still

resonates. When our rules get in the way of compassion, it's time to reconsider what we're truly upholding. Healing is always holy.

**PRAYER:** Jesus, help me choose compassion over convenience, healing over habit. Make me brave enough to do good, even when others object. Amen.

**ACTION:** If an opportunity to do good presents itself today, take it — even if it interrupts your schedule.

**Thursday, August 28, 2025** (by Teddy Shuck)

Psalms 81 <https://tinyurl.com/4aj3vu9z>

**PONDER:** This psalm reminds us that over and over again the people do not listen to God, but God does not want to punish them. Instead, God longs for them to remember their history together with God. Would I recognize God if God were to begin a new conversation with me now? Have I been aware of what God was doing for me even just now?

**PRAYER:** Lord, do not let me forget that you are the one who has been leading me and keeping me safe. I thank you. Amen.

**ACTION:** I will acknowledge the Lord's role in what I thought were my own great accomplishments.

**Friday, August 29, 2025** (by Lisa Trigg)

Exodus 24:15-18 <https://tinyurl.com/2y9ss4mh>

**PONDER:** The word "majestic" often comes to mind when thinking about mountains. They tower over the landscape and are both beautiful and mysterious. Clouds often shroud a mountaintop, adding to the mysterious quality of a place we know is there but cannot quite see. The account of Moses' mountaintop experience includes symbols such as clouds — God's presence; the seventh day — a symbol of completion; forty days and nights — a traditional period of testing. Sometimes we might feel that God is distant and inaccessible, or testing us for some unknown reason. But with waiting, we can be transformed, like Moses, and allow God's love to dwell and work through us.