

We need each aspect of the Trinity to completely live. In fact, Jesus descends from the mountaintop into the valleys where we dwell. His presence gives light and life to us as he calls us to shine his light for others struck in the dark places of the world.

PRAYER: Loving God, I thank you for the light that shines from Jesus to give us hope, strength, courage and love to share with others. Amen.

ACTION: Look for the Number Three today in everyday places, when you find it, know that the Holy Trinity is there for you, too.

Saturday, August 9, 2025 (by Lisa Trigg)

Matthew 6:19-24 <https://tinyurl.com/55xazs4k>

PONDER: “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” This verse is inscribed on the tombstone of Kendra and Ariana Dumbledore in the Harry Potter fantasy series. Maybe the character Albus Dumbledore chose this quote to reflect on his past choices and to emphasize the importance of prioritizing what truly matters in life, particularly after the tragic events leading to his sister's death. I think Jesus is telling us that true treasure lies not in material possessions or power, but in love and genuine connections with others. May we be reminded that true fulfillment and lasting impact come from investing one's heart in what is truly valuable, not in fleeting earthly pursuits. This means following the example of Jesus to do all the good we can with all the time we have and to be thankful, merciful and forgiving.

PRAYER: Dear God, help me to treasure what is good and useful to your purpose, and to realize that love is the dwelling place to be sought. Amen.

ACTION: Do you have any “treasures” that would be better off with someone else? Donate to Rescued Treasures and help the humane society.

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DAILY PRAYER MEDITATIONS

August 4-9, 2025

Monday, August 4, 2025 (by Marilyn Culler)

Psalms 127 <https://tinyurl.com/4kvnfrph>

PONDER: Our purpose as followers of Christ is to build the kingdom of God on earth. When we do what we do for any other reason, the results probably won't bear good fruit. I open my day with prayer – praise, petition, intercession, etc. As I embrace the fruit of the Spirit in my daily walk with God, as I pay attention to the little things, miracles begin to unfold. We can rest in the assurance that God loves us and wants the best for us.

PRAYER: Ever-present God, thank you for purpose, for hearing our prayers, for all the blessings that surround me every day. Amen.

ACTION: Look around you through the eyes of God. What is purposeful, and what is pointless? Do you get up too early or stay up too late? What bird did you see on your way to work. Where does God fit into your life?

Tuesday, August 5, 2025 (by Ashlee Vitz)

1 Corinthians 12:27-31 <https://tinyurl.com/3bnffcdc>

PONDER: In this passage, Paul reminds us that we are all integral parts of the body of Christ, each with unique gifts and roles. Our joy is to cherish the diversity of these gifts and the ways in which they enable us to serve God and each other. The church thrives on inclusivity, justice, and love, recognizing that every person brings something valuable to our community. As we strive to live out our faith, let us eagerly desire the greater gifts -- those that build up the body of Christ in love, justice, and peace. In doing so, we honor God and reflect the divine inclusive and compassionate nature to the world.

PRAYER: Gracious God, thank You for the diverse gifts You have given your church. Guide me in using my gifted talents to build a community that reflects Your love and justice. Amen.

ACTION: Reflect on your own gifts and the ways God calls you to use them. Embrace your uniqueness and the uniqueness of others. Find a way to use your gift to show radical love this week. Find a way to use your gift along with a fellow believer's gift to do the same.

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 (by Marilyn Culler)

Hosea 14:1-9 <https://tinyurl.com/2v5ahfz5>

PONDER: The wise understand things that come from God. It may take discernment, patience and careful observation to see the freshness God offers us each day. Knowing God isn't a "fast food diet" of grabbing a scripture verse of a sermon here and there, and then going about our own agendas. God is in our every breath, making us flourish and blossom as we bear good fruit. Our call is to embrace God every moment of our lives. Evildoers will stumble in their faithlessness. Which side will you choose?

PRAYER: God, help me understand Your ways as I walk in Your world. Amen.

ACTION: Do you have a favorite flower? Look up its meaning.

Thursday, August 7, 2025 (by Teddy Shuck)

Psalms 50 <https://tinyurl.com/2n7338nz>

PONDER: Psalm 50 is a strong Psalm of praise and direction. The first six verses establish God's authority to speak to and for all things. It is often seen as prophetic, preaching, and instructional. Sources say it should have been used as a Levitical sermon. The Psalm tells who our God is. It opens our eyes. His description in verse three is one of power, "he won't keep quiet, a devouring fire is before him, a storm runs wild all around him." It calls out to all around earth and skies so He can judge His people. Seek Him when we are in trouble and He will deliver us.

PRAYER: Almighty and everlasting one, you are the one who sees through our lives what we accomplish or don't accomplish. Help us to feel your warmth, your direction for our lives. You are the wise, the strong, the understanding one. Praise to you, thanks to you, now and forevermore. Amen.

ACTION: Remember who God is, what He does for you, and daily take time to thank Him for His guidance and His love!

Friday, August 8, 2025 (by Lisa Trigg)

Matthew 17:1-9 <https://tinyurl.com/22tvdssw>

PONDER: Thinking about the Holy Trinity of Parent, Child and Spirit recently, I was drawn once again to the Transfiguration – an important event in the life of Jesus as well as his disciples. What happens when we consider Moses as the proto-type of the Messiah who delivers people and the law? And then there is Elijah, the greatest of the prophets who prepare us to receive the Messiah. The Transfiguration then confirms that Jesus is Messiah. He is the one through whom God acts in the dark valleys of life.