

ACTION: Make time to be with Jesus during this moment. Imagine the loneliness Jesus felt as the only one who can see the danger ahead. It is never easy to accompany Jesus on the road to the cross.

Saturday, June 28, 2025 (by Lisa Trigg)

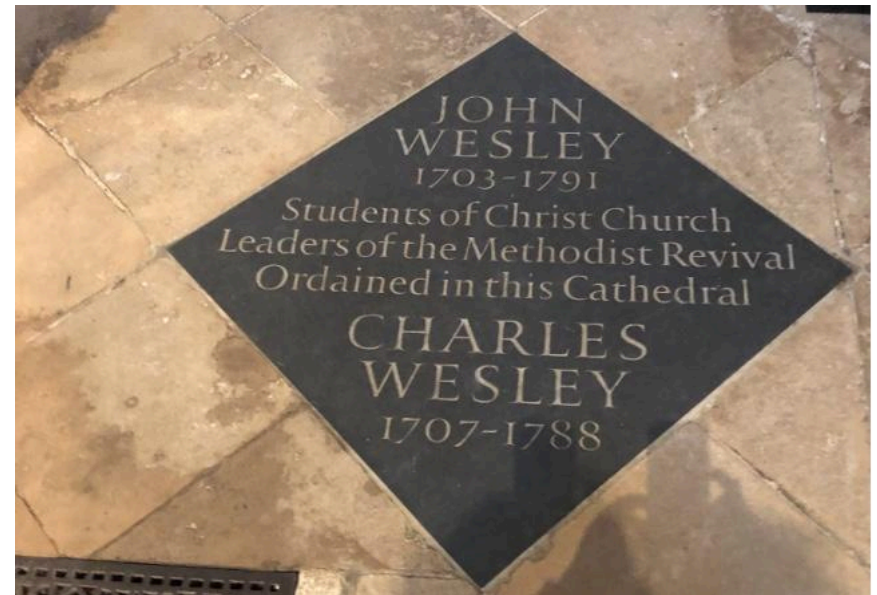
Luke 9:21-27 <https://tinyurl.com/3ectbptm>

PONDER: Prayer for Jesus was both private and a group thing. People often prayed with or near him. Something of his prayer and relationship with God affected them. People can be helped by praying together, even in silence. A child learns to pray by watching a parent, a grandparent or another adult at prayer. Praying together gives courage to face difficulties together, as it must have done when the disciples faced the death of Jesus after their prayer. Our prayer practice is one way of showing who we are and whose we are. We can also show our faith by attending church, sharing our faith, and by acting as Jesus did. Pray that it is evident to the world that you are a follower of Jesus.

PRAYER: Dear God, I pray that by my actions, it is evident to the world that I am a follower of Jesus. Help me inspire curiosity in others and a desire in others to follow Jesus. Amen.

ACTION: Talk to others about how being a follower of Jesus has changed your life.

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DAILY PRAYER MEDITATIONS **June 23 to June 28, 2025**

Monday, June 23, 2025 (by Marilyn Culler)

2 Kings 9:1-13 <https://tinyurl.com/3pcpw84f>

PONDER: Oh, this young and fearless (or maybe not!) prophet! The prophet Elisha's instructions to the nameless young prophet was to go and anoint Jehu king of Israel, and then "open the door, and run out of there without stopping." Sometimes when God sends us to do something, we are just supposed to go do it and run for our lives. The young prophet could have easily been killed, but Jehu allowed oil to be poured on his head and hear the words of the young prophet. The message was powerful: "death, revenge, Jezebel devoured by dogs ... and you're now in charge." I have to wonder: in 2,000 years, how will history write the story of Ukraine, of Israel and Palestine, of the United States. How will history view those who perpetuate wars, evil, tyranny and greed? Where are the young prophets?

PRAYER: God, keep me fearless in the work you call me to do. Amen.

ACTION: Is there anything you're scared to tell someone? Say a prayer, and go to them.

Tuesday, June 24, 2025 (by Ashlee Vitz)

Ephesians 2:11-22 <https://tinyurl.com/4cshbj4u>

PONDER: Christ has broken down the dividing wall. In a polarized world, this is a hard call — to believe unity is possible, not just in theory, but in practice.

PRAY: Lord, tear down the walls in my heart and in my world.

ACTION: Start one healing conversation today with someone across a divide.

Wednesday, June 25, 2025 (by Marilyn Culler)

Luke 9:37-43 <https://tinyurl.com/4nmrffx7>

PONDER: Did the father not have enough faith in the disciples' power? Did it have to be Jesus who healed his son? Or was it the disciples' faith which was too weak to heal the boy? Earlier the disciples questioned Jesus when he instructed them to feed a great crowd. Miraculously, the crowd was fed. In this story, the disciples hadn't been able to heal the boy, so Jesus has to heal him. Doubt in ourselves and our capabilities plays a role in how we accomplish our work for Christ in the world. We have to believe and trust in the power we have through the one who claims us, and equips and empowers us for ministry.

PRAYER: Creator God, thank you for equipping and empowering me to do your will. Amen.

ACTION: What do you need from Jesus in your work in the world? Ask, believe, trust and give thanks.

Thursday, June 26, 2025 (by Teddy Shuck)

Hebrews 12: 3-17 <https://tinyurl.com/ytbateva>

PONDER: Paul talks to his audience about persisting in growing in their faith in God. I somehow think he's talking to us too. I believe that God likes to hear from us all the time. I also believe that he likes us to be disciplined in our lives. We

need to be disciplined in our thinking. God likes us to help each other in peace, love, bad times, unexpected problem times, even in bitterness. The big thing I hear is that we need to show others about God's grace. People might not understand that when things don't go right and it appears God is disciplining us, we are really being loved. God is smiling on us by showing the path to take. Leading the way by example. Trying to lead us to do the right things. God gave us Jesus who died for us. His many parables, conversations, and teachings will live forever as the ideal to follow. His discipline should be ours.

PRAY: God, help me to listen, and to have patience and endurance. Amen.

ACTION: Do something that requires endurance. Think about how to discipline your thinking and actions.

Friday, June 27, 2025 (by Lisa Trigg)

Luke 12:54-59 <https://tinyurl.com/axxn89m4>

PONDER: We can apply today's Scripture to our own life situations. How often do we refuse to see what is obvious? How easy it is to pass responsibility or blame someone else and refuse to speak or take action. It can be more attractive to live comfortable lives without trying to understand what is going on. Jesus uses harsh words to condemn laziness and distraction. Think about the signs of our times. Where is God in what is going on around us? How are we called to respond as followers of Jesus? What would he do if he were living now? It is very easy to condemn the world around us and feel nostalgic about the past. Jesus is calling us to discernment and action in the world we live in now. We waste so much time arguing about trivialities while missing what is more basic, more challenging.

PRAYER: Dear God, help me to be more aware of situations where I can make a difference. Close my mouth when I would blame others. Open my heart to forgive and to respond as needed. Amen.