

cannot succeed; with that assistance I cannot fail." Well written, Mr. President.

PRAYER: Dear God, thank you for leadership that is thoughtful, humble, and affirms the necessity to be connected to divine presence. Amen.

ACTION: Consider how your own leadership can be helped with prayer and reliance upon the commandment to love all people as beloved children of God.

Saturday, May 31, 2025 (by Lisa Trigg)

John 1:14-18 <https://tinyurl.com/yk95e6jj>

PONDER: The gospel of John opens with an old hymn that sums up the gospel writer's view of who Jesus was. The synagogue leaders did not want to accept that Jesus was a divine being. But John calls upon ideas from the First Testament that spoke of God's Word – or God's Wisdom – being present with God before the world was created. God's Wisdom was "the designer of everything that is." From John's point of view, Jesus was God's Word spoken to the people of Israel. Jesus, the Word, shows us "the Way", which was the identifier for the early Christian community who followed Jesus. When a situation might cause us to ask God "what should I do," God's response has always been, "Jesus shows you the way."

PRAYER: Dear God, the example that Jesus gives us is solid, doable and loving. Help me follow his example. Amen.
ACTION: Find a place where you can make a difference – a shelter, a food pantry, a crisis line, a prison or jail. Then join the ranks of those making a difference.

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DAILY PRAYER MEDITATIONS

May 26 to 31, 2025

Monday, May 26, 2026 (by Marilyn Culler)

Psalms 93 <https://tinyurl.com/4hxb26db>

PONDER: God is clothed in majesty and strength – not gold and jewels. In these verses, God's majestic robe is water. We need water for survival, just as we need God's faithfulness to live. God is robed in majestic, life-giving water. And God clothes us, surrounds us, lavishes on us the might of his firm and eternal goodness. Blessings flow when our foundation in him is strong.

PRAYER: God of life-giving strength and peace, thank you for your steadfast love surrounding me always. *Amen*

ACTION: When you touch water today, think of every part of your being surrounded by God's goodness. Who around you needs a drink of God's life-giving water?

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 (by Ashlee Vitz)

Revelation 21:15-22 <https://tinyurl.com/bdd4rxj2>

PONDER: The city needs no temple because God is everywhere. No need for sun or lamp – God’s presence is the light. This vision reminds us that sacredness is not confined to buildings. Wherever genuine love dwells, there is holy ground.

PRAYER: Ever-present God, open my eyes to see you beyond the walls of church buildings. Help me find you in my neighbor, in creation, and in quiet moments of grace. Let me carry your light into all spaces.

ACTION: Go for a short walk and name the ways God is present in ordinary things around you – sights, sounds, or people.

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 (by Marilyn Culler)

Luke 2:25-38 <https://tinyurl.com/3s96z72u>

PONDER: Simeon and Anna followed the Holy Spirit, and in the temple that day God’s prophetic messages flowed. God fulfilled a promise to Simeon, answered the prayers of Anna, and spoke to Mary. Throughout Jesus’ ministry, he turned upside down the status quo in Israel. He exposed those who exalted themselves over others, and turned up the volume on the cries of the oppressed. The Holy Spirit’s light revealed God’s glory to Simeon, Mary, Joseph and Anna in the child Jesus. The Holy Spirit continues to reveal the presence of Christ to us today. The promise of redemption is ongoing, yesterday, today and forevermore.

PRAYER: God, thank you for the devotion of Simeon, Anna and Mary and Joseph. Thank you for Jesus, and the Light he continues to bring to the world. *Amen*

ACTION: Listening to elders provides perspective for current times. Seek out an elder in your community today and see how the Holy Spirit moves through your visit.

Thursday, May 29, 2025 (by Teddy Shuck)

Luke 24:44-53 <https://tinyurl.com/2s387zfx>

PONDER: I am so excited with any of the times that Jesus appears to the disciples after his resurrection. I try to listen and be thankful for his words during each of the appearances, but with this visit he opens the “minds” of the men to understand the scriptures. He reminded them what is written about him and what is to happen after the resurrection. They are told to wait for what God has promised them. He leaves them, returns to heaven with the firmness that they will receive God’s gift. The Holy Spirit will be a constant companion, a hope that we will have an eternal companion. All I can think of is: thank you, thank you, thank you.

PRAYER: Thank you, God, for giving us part of yourself to have with us. Amen.

ACTION: Today, pause to think about how lucky we are to have been given this gift.

Friday, May 30, 2025 (by Lisa Trigg)

Hebrews 3:12 <https://tinyurl.com/bdcp5wprf>

PONDER: President Abraham Lincoln was a man of deep faith. I didn’t know this until a small daily devotional book crossed my desk the other day. For each day of the year, Lincoln read a scripture verse and a brief meditation. For this day, the entry is “How oft, deceived by self and pride, Has my weak heart been turn’d aside; And, Jonah-like, has fled from thee, Till thou has look’d again on me!” According to the devotional book’s forward, Lincoln “became a Christian” in 1839 in Springfield, Illinois, during revival services at the Methodist Episcopal Church. He later wrote, “I believe the will of God prevails: without Him all human reliance is vain; without the assistance of that Divine Being I