

How about when it comes to taking your faith global?

Write down three ways you will intentionally participate in God's kingdom and His plan to reach out to people.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Thank God today for being with you each step of the way. Ask Him to show you opportunities to share your faith and pray for the courage to take them!

Saturday

Please be sure you've completed this week's devotions. Pray that God will prepare you to hear the sermon this weekend and worship with fellow believers. Ask God to soften your heart to His kingdom all around the world.

PRAYER UPDATE

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES

Ethan Pope (age 5) leukemia treatment, LCPCH El Camino, Mountain View

Steven Adams partial paralysis, diagnosis unknown

Ron Berry Bay Area hospital for a valve replacement

Deborah Kaesemeyer pneumonia

Paul Seals back fracture

Wayne Elliston procedure

Gordon Aumiller brain surgery

Susann Rogberg LaVars cancer testing, Stanford

Steve Mendence viral infection / MS complications

RECENT SURGERIES OR HOSPITALIZATIONS

Dave Staffa, Ethan Pope, Liz Bishop, Matthew Brunetti, Ron Denevi, Ernest Randolph, Harriet Duzet, Deanie Badertcher, Kathy Kritikos, Ron Frazier, Ruth Sutherland, Susan Rymer, Ron Denevi, Danielle Crile

HOSPICE CARE

Elizabeth Harrell, John Burton

A complete prayer list is available at the information desk.



WOW

world outreach week

WHEN JESUS MOVES INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

January 25 & 26 | Paul Borthwick

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. **John 1:9-14**

NOTES:

DAILY MEDITATIONS

This week's memory verse

Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'" John 11:25-26

Monday

Read John 11:1-35.

Write down three things that impress you in this passage:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Recall a time when you feel as though God brought you "back from the dead". What did you learn about God's power during that time?

Who has God placed in your life that needs to know God's resurrection power in their life?

Thank God today for the ways He has resurrected your life. Thank Him for the privilege of telling others about Him. Talk to Him about the reasons you find it difficult to share your faith. Ask Him to give you the courage and the words to share with those He places in your life.

Tuesday

Read John 11:39-41a. Why do you think Jesus had the people roll away the stone from Lazarus' tomb?

What part did rolling away the stone play in the miracle that Jesus did?

Recall a time when God used you as part of the miracle in someone's life. How did you grow from that experience?

Thank God today that He uses you in other's lives. Thank Him for the miraculous power He has. Ask Him to give you the courage to "roll away" a stone when He asks you to. Pray that your life and words will be an encouragement to those around you today.

Wednesday

Read John 11:41b-44. This is amazing! Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead! He doesn't do the miracle on His own (though He could!) He involved Lazarus' friends. What does He have them do in this section of the story?

How does the role of Lazarus' friend apply to your life?

In what ways do you feel "bound" right now? What have you learned about God's power and the role of others in your life that can help and encourage you this week?

Thank God today for His love and involvement in your life. Thank Him for the miracles you have seen Him perform. Talk to Him about the areas of your life where you feel "bound". Ask Him to bring godly friends along to help unbind you. Ask God to use you as an agent of freedom in your friends' lives.

Thursday

Read John 8:31, 15:15; 2 Corinthians 5:20a & 1 Peter 2:9. What are those who belong to God's kingdom called, according to these verses?

It is an amazing thing to realize that the King of all loves you and wants you to be part of His Kingdom and its purpose! Let that truth swirl in your head for a few minutes. Write down two ways this truth can impact your daily life.

1. _____
2. _____

Thank God today that He has a purpose for you and a place for you in His kingdom. Ask Him to let this truth impact your life daily and pray that you'll live with a kingdom view.

Friday

Read Matthew 29:18-20 & John 3:16-17. Let's focus specifically on sharing the Good News of God's transforming grace with the world.

Knowing you are part of God's kingdom and God's plan is great but it needs to go beyond head knowledge – you've got to put feet to it! What is the greatest obstacle you face when it comes to sharing your faith?