

1 **Prayer Vigil**2 **Philippians 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness[d] be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

3

1 Surely the Presence of the Lord

2 In the midst of His children

The Lord said He would be

It doesn't take very many

It can be just two or three

And I feel that same sweet Spirit

That I've felt oft times before

Oh surely I can say

I have been with the Lord

4

1 Surely the Presence of the Lord

2 Surely the presence

Of the Lord is in this place

I can feel His mighty power

And His grace

I can hear the brush of angel's wings

I see glory on each face

Surely the presence

Of the Lord is in this place

5 **PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING**

Dear Father in heaven, we thank You for providing for all the needs of body and soul. We are grateful for the Means of Grace in which You come to us with gifts of heaven: forgiveness, life and salvation. Most humbly we thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus, and the precious gift of faith.

6 **PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING**

Gracious and Almighty Father, You are the source of all loving-kindness, and You act in mercy toward Your creation. You formed all things and sent life throughout the world. You have created our lives and performed wonders of forgiveness and healing.

7 **PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING**

Thank you for Your Word and establishing the path for Eternal Life with you through the death and

resurrection of Your Son, Jesus. In and through Him, we will join the angels and heavenly hosts in praising you forever.

8 PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Glory be to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever.

Lord in Your Mercy...HEAR OUR PRAYER

9 PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Private Prayer
One Minute

10

1 Hymn: LSB 740 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

2 1 I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.

11 PRAYERS OF REPENTANCE AND FAITHFULNESS

Lord, my sins are not hidden from You, as there is nowhere I can go that You do not see. Your holy and perfect Word has shown me how I have sinned against you in my thoughts, words and deeds, by things I do and things I should do but don't. For the sake of your precious son Jesus, who suffered and died for my transgressions, please forgive me. "Create in me a clean heart O Lord and renew a right spirit within me. Caste me not away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of

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Your salvation and uphold me with Your free Spirit." (Psalm 51: 10-14) In Jesus' name I pray.

Dear Lord, abide with me. Be my strength, for I am weak. Deliver me from temptations of both selfishness and weakness. Guide me that I may trust in Your promises and not falter. As I face troubles and temptations in this world, keep me from harming anyone or disregarding Your Word.

13 PRAYERS OF REPENTANCE AND FAITHFULNESS

Gracious Lord, I need Your help to remain faithful to You as I daily combat my spiritual enemies...the devil, the world, and my sinful flesh. Holy Spirit, give me strength to remain faithful and courage to go forward in obedience as a redeemed child of the Father. Direct my footsteps according to your Word, let no sin rule over me. (Psalm 119:133)

Lord in Your Mercy...HEAR OUR PRAYER

14 **PRAYERS OF REPENTANCE AND FAITHFULNESS**

Private Prayer
One Minute

15

1 Hymn: LSB 740 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

2 Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.

16 **PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH, PASTORS AND MISSIONARIES**

Lord God of our salvation, it is Your will that all people might come to You through Your Son Jesus. Empower Your church to be a faithful witness to Your true Word. May we joyfully serve You in the power and unity of the Holy Spirit and may we always seek Your will first for the future of Your church. I especially ask Your mercy and grace for Pastor Rod and all pastors, lay ministers and church leaders and workers. Please continue to bless Bethany with faithful servants.

17 **PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH, PASTORS AND MISSIONARIES**

Lord of the Harvest, we bring before you the missionaries who serve in this country and around the world. We give you thanks that they have been led to accept this special calling to bring Your Light and the Gospel to all people. Watch over those who serve in foreign lands where loneliness and danger may confront them and their families. Strengthen them as they serve you. Fill us with a passion for lost souls.

18 **PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH, PASTORS AND MISSIONARIES**

Faithful Father, You have blessed us with the opportunity to bring up our children and youth in the way they should go. We hold fast to the promise of Proverbs 22:6. "Train up a child in the way they should go and they will not stray from it when they are old." Thank you for those who volunteer to teach Sunday School and Wednesday youth classes. Give them love and patience as they tell of your saving grace. Bless the children, youth and their families as they seek

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knowledge of You and grow in Your love. Open their hearts and minds as they hear Your words of truth. I ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus.

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20 **PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH, PASTORS AND MISSIONARIES**

Private Prayer
One Minute

21

1 Hymn: LSB 770 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

2 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

22 **PRAYERS FOR FAMILIES**

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh." (Genesis 2:25). Gracious Lord, You created marriage to be a gift. Look with favor on husbands and wives and sustain them in their Christian faith. Guard and protect all marriages from temptation. May all marriages come to rest solely on You, our rock and our salvation.

23 **PRAYERS FOR FAMILIES**

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of children. Give their Mothers and Fathers calm strength and patience to raise them in a faith-filled home. Help them teach their children in love what is just, true and good following the example of Jesus. May their relationships flourish in Your loving hands.

Lord in your mercy...HEAR OUR PRAYER

24 **PRAYERS FOR FAMILIES**

Private Prayer
One Minute

25

1 Hymn: LSB 770 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

2 2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

26 **PRAYERS FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**

Gracious Lord, bless all teachers. Give them a heart for You as they care for their students. Fill them with enthusiasm for the subjects they teach so they may inspire a love for learning. Through the teachers in our community, train up our children in the knowledge needed to be successful and good citizens of this community and country. Grant them wisdom in all they do.

27 **PRAYERS FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**

Lord, send your Holy Spirit into the hearts of students that they may richly receive His gifts. Give them an eagerness for learning and an understanding of the arts and sciences they study, May they see their schools and teachers as gifts You provide and respect their roles. May they use what they learn for the good of all.

Lord in Your Mercy...HEAR OUR PRAYER

28 **PRAYERS FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**

Private Prayer
One Minute

29

1 Hymn: LSB 770 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

2 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

3 Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1819–86
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30 **PRAYERS FOR PEOPLE IN NEED**

Heavenly Father, in Jesus' name we come to You praying for all people in need. May they find rest and comfort in Your promise that "....As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Joshua 1:5, Hebrews 13:5) We pray for those in poor health and ask for healing and return to health, for the weary to give them rest, for the lonely to provide companionship, for the hungry to give them food, for those on drugs to break their addiction, for the

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unemployed/under-employed to give them work, for the despairing to give them hope, for those who have no home, shelter; for those in prison, repentance and a change of heart; for those who are sad or discouraged, hope and encouragement, and for the most vulnerable for protection from harm, danger and exploitation.

32 **PRAYERS FOR PEOPLE IN NEED**

Use us as instruments of Your compassion to reach out to those in any need and bring us all to Your cross where we find Your peace. Lord, we ask Your will be done in their minds, bodies and spirits according to your perfect will.

Lord in Your Mercy...HEAR OUR PRAYER

33 **PRAYERS FOR PEOPLE IN NEED**

Private Prayer
One Minute

34

1 Hymn: LSB 878 "Abide with Me"

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1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

35 **PRAYER IN RESPONSE TO DISASTER AND WAR**

Almighty God, we join our prayers to the prayers of others, for the victims of disaster that brings destruction and pain to many lives. May You be with those who even now are engaged in the work of protection, firefighting, rescue and recovery. Bless the work of their hands. In Jesus' name we especially pray for the people affected by acts of violence, accidents, terrorism, storms, tornados, wildfires, drought and floods.

36 **PRAYER IN RESPONSE TO DISASTER AND WAR**

In addition, we cry out to You regarding the war now occurring in Ukraine. We long for you to arrest this violence and destruction, to bring this war to a just end, and for your protection for all innocent victims and everyone directly involved in military action, in Ukraine and in Russia.

Lord in Your mercy...HEAR OUR PRAYER

37 **PRAYER IN RESPONSE TO DISASTER AND WAR**

Private Prayer
One Minute

38

1 Hymn: LSB 878 "Abide with Me"

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2 I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

39 **PRAYERS DURING THE PANDEMIC**

"Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:5) "Keep me safe, my God, for in You I take refuge." (Psalm 16:1) Most merciful God, I come to You in my weakness and fear. I come to You trusting You alone are our hope in this time of pandemic. Lord, I pray You will bring wisdom to doctors and understanding to scientists. Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.

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Bring healing to those who are ill and protect those who are most at risk. Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one and welcome those who have died into Your eternal home. Stabilize our communities, unite us in our compassion, remove all fear from our hearts and fill us with confidence in Your care. Thank you Father for the many treatments and vaccines you have provided to us to combat this virus.

Lord in Your Mercy...HEAR OUR PRAYER

41 **PRAYERS DURING THE PANDEMIC**

Private Prayer
One Minute

42

1 Hymn: LSB 878 "Abide with Me"

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3 Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea.
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.

43 **PRAYERS FOR PEOPLE WHO MOURN**

Shepherd and Comforter of Your people, You are full of compassion and mercy. You are the strength and fortress of all who call upon You. Shower Your blessing on all who are facing death or are mourning the loss of loved ones. Assure them that You will wipe away the tears from their eyes. Help them to find joy in the great reversal You have won for us through Your saving death and resurrection.

Lord in Your mercy...HEAR OUR PRAYER

44 **PRAYERS FOR PEOPLE WHO MOURN**

Private Prayer
One Minute

45

1 Hymn: LSB 878 "Abide with Me"

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- 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
 Change and decay in all around I see;
 O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

46 **PRAY FOR THE SPIRITUALLY LOST**

"It is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:3-4)

Lord God, we pray that the good news of what You have done for us through the suffering, death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus, be proclaimed to all who do not believe. We ask that the hearts of those of us who have strayed from our faith not be hardened by the evil of this world,

47 **PRAY FOR THE SPIRITUALLY LOST**

the devil and our own sinful flesh. Holy Spirit, ready our hearts to receive God's word, draw us to Christ, remove all doubt, expose false prophets and give us undivided hearts and faith that Jesus alone is our Savior from sin and death. Bring us all to the cross with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to hold fast to the unchangeable truth of Your word.

Lord in Your mercy....HEAR OUR PRAYER

48 **PRAY FOR THE SPIRITUALLY LOST**

Private Prayer
 One Minute

49 **Grace Alone, Verse 1**

Ev'ry promise we can make
 Ev'ry prayer and step of faith
 Ev'ry diff'rence we will make
 Is only by His grace
 Ev'ry mountain we will climb
 Ev'ry ray of hope we shine
 Ev'ry blessing left behind
 Is only by His grace

50 **PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE**

Lord, You are our Strength and our Shield, our ever-present help in time of trouble. We thank You

for the many men and women who have served and still serve in our country's military. Uphold them with your love and strength. Protect those who must leave home and the families they leave behind. Above all, may our nation be truly grateful for Your protection and their service.

51 **PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE**

Gracious Lord, Bless those who have worn the uniform of our country as that have served in the best interest of justice and freedom. Heal all hurt and injury incurred by our veterans and bless them richly unto eternal life.

52 **PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE**

Almighty God, we ask your blessing on all our police force, firefighters, and first responders. Through these public servants You guard and protect us from evil and disaster. Watch over them as they carry out their duties and keep them safe. May they have confidence in Your protection.

53 **PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE**

Lord, You have created all things both in heaven and on earth. You have ordained the seasons, the rising of the sun and the setting moon. You have given authority to earthly rulers to punish evildoers and defend the weak, so that citizens entrusted to their care may live quietly and at peace. Give our leaders wisdom and discernment and heart for You. May they seek Your good and perfect will in all decisions. Heavenly Father,

54 **PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE**

I know that it is your will that will be done in this country.

Lord, we thank you for those who have taken on the servant's role as caregivers. You have given us doctors, nurses, and other medical workers to administer to those who are experiencing sickness and suffering. Encourage them when days get long and when they

55 **PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE**

feel helpless and inadequate. Remind them that the smallest thing they do for others, they do to you. Continue to bless them in their ability to use their skills to serve others.

Lord in Your mercy...HEAR OUR PRAYER

56 **PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE**

Private Prayer
One Minute

57 **Grace Alone, Verse 2**

Ev'ry soul we long to reach
Ev'ry heart we hope to teach
Ev'rywhere we share His peace
Is only by His grace
Ev'ry loving word we say
Ev'ry tear we wipe away
Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise
Is only by His grace

58 **CONCLUSION**

Father we ask all these thing in the precious name of Jesus, Your only begotten son, our only Savior and Redeemer who taught us to pray: (Lord's Prayer)

59 **Grace Alone, Chorus (2 X)**

Grace alone which God supplies
Strength unknown He will provide
Christ in us our Cornerstone
We will go forth in grace alone

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Private Prayer Time