

# Day 15

SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

## Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

Luke 10:30-37

In reply Jesus said: 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' 'Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?' The expert in the law replied, 'The one who had mercy on him.' Jesus told him, 'Go and do likewise.'

# Pray for Your Neighbors

## Who is My Neighbor?

Our neighbor is anyone in our proximity with whom we can share God's love. We are called not only to love those who are similar to us or with whom we are comfortable, but all whom God places in our path.

## Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

## Ask God to...

- Open your eyes to those around you
- Help you to see others the way God sees them
- Create divine appointments for you to be able to share your faith
- Give you the opportunity to tear down "fences" in your neighborhood
- Help you form meaningful friendships with your neighbors

## Thanksgiving

- Thank God for hearing you
- Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

# Pray for Your Neighbors

## Love Your Neighbor

What does Jesus mean when He says we are to “love our neighbor”? It means get to know them – have conversations and LISTEN to them; find out their needs – and MEET them; ask how you can pray for them – and then PRAY for them!

## Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

## Ask God to...

- Help you learn what it means to LOVE your neighbors
- Help you get to know your neighbors
- Give you the courage to ask how you can help your neighbor
- Give you the opportunity to pray for or with your neighbor
- Give you the opportunity to share your faith with a lost neighbor

## Thanksgiving

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# Day 16

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

## Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

Mark 12:28-31

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, ‘Of all the commandments, which is the most important?’

‘The most important one,’ answered Jesus, ‘is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.’

Galatians 5:14

For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

# Day 17

SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

## Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

I Samuel 16:7

But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

John 5:35

Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.

# Pray for Your Neighbors

## How Does God See My Neighbor?

Scripture tells us that God sees our heart. It is what is inside each of us that counts. Not what we have or how we look. We are all made by Him for Him. He gave His only Son for us. We should see our neighbors in the same way.

## Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

## Ask God to...

- Help you to see others the way God sees them
- Break down fences of stereotypes, race, political leanings & help you see your neighbor(s) as someone who needs Him
- Help you get to know a neighbor that is different from you – different race, nationality, religious beliefs
- Provide an opportunity for you to be able to share your faith with a neighbor who needs to hear

## Thanksgiving

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# Pray for Your Neighbors

## Form Relationships with Your Neighbor(s)

A favorite tv show of mine features a family of five who live next door to an eccentric older fellow. And while we never see his face, we see the relationship that is formed – even through a privacy fence. Advice is given, needs are met, meals are shared...and no judgment is offered. That's the kind of relationship we need to form with our neighbors.

## Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

## Ask God to...

- Help you open your home (and heart) to those around you
- Help you be generous with what you have
- Help you form friendships with those next to you

## Thanksgiving

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- Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

# Day 18

SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

## Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

Romans 12:10

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;

Proverbs 27:10

Do not forsake your own friend or your father's friend, and do not go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity; better is a neighbor who is near than a brother far away.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10.

Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up.

# Day 19

SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

## Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

1 Timothy 2:1

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

Ephesians 6:18

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Philippians 4:6

Be anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

# Pray for Your Neighbors

## Pray for Your Neighbor Daily

Part of being a good neighbor is caring for our neighbors. And what better way to show a neighbor that you care for them than to let them know that you are praying for them and their family daily.

## Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

## Ask God to...

- Hear your prayers concerning your neighbors
- Open their hearts to accept His salvation (if they have not already)
- Bless them and keep them safe
- Give them the opportunity to become better neighbors to their neighbors

## Thanksgiving

- Thank God for hearing you
- Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

# Pray for Your Neighbors

## Be Present in Your Neighborhood

We have all heard the saying “bloom where you are planted.” And that is very true when it comes to winning your neighbors. God has you there for a purpose. Grow in the field you are planted in.

## Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

## Ask God to...

- Help you overcome fears you have of being open and honest in your neighborhood
- Open hearts and minds of neighbors as you share with them
- Give you opportunities to share with your neighbors
- Make the soil in your neighborhood fertile as you begin to plant seeds of your faith

## Thanksgiving

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# Day 20

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

## Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

Acts 17:24-26

The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything. Rather, He himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man He made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.

I Cor 7:20-24

Each person should remain in the situation they were in when God called them. Were you a slave when you were called? Don't let it trouble you—although if you can gain your freedom, do so. For the one who was a slave when called to faith in the Lord is the Lord's freed person; similarly, the one who was free when called is Christ's slave. You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of human beings. Brothers and sisters, each person, as responsible to God, should remain in the situation they were in when God called them.

# Day 21

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

## Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

Matthew 5:12-14

You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

# Pray for Your Neighbors

## Be Salt and Light in Your Neighborhood

Let's face it – food without salt is bland and a house without light is, well, dark. And no one likes to eat bland food or stumble around in the dark (that's where stubbed toes live). And the same can be said for your neighborhood. Without a little salt and light, it is a bland, dark place. Be that salt and light in your neighborhood.

## Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

## Ask God to...

- Rekindle your light if it has gone out
- Give you a passion for being salt and light
- Help you keep your light burning, even when it may be the only one lit in your neighborhood
- Help your saltiness and light be a "draw" for those that may be seeking answers

## Thanksgiving

- Thank God for hearing you
- Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will