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The July prayers have been written by Rev. Tim Travers. The Upper Room, a daily devotional guide for United Methodists, provides a devotional reading for each of the days of July that goes with each of the Scripture readings and prayers on this month's prayer calendar. The devotional for each day will enrich your quiet time with the Lord in the month of July.



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DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>PRAYER WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE...</i></p> <p><i>PRAY ANYTIME, ANYWHERE!</i></p>				<p>1 John 10:11-15</p> <p>Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, and you laid down your very life for me. And you laid it down for all. Help me to follow your lead... and to love others with the kind of love that gives up everything—at all costs.</p>	<p>2 Psalms 139:13-18</p> <p>Almighty Creator, you have made each one of us. You formed us out of your love. You created us to be amazing beings with intricate balance. You know all about us. Nothing is hidden from you. Help us to be honest with you and with ourselves.</p>	<p>3 Philippians 4:4-13</p> <p>Lord God, today there is nothing I will face that I cannot handle, because you are awesome and amazing. I vow to set my eyes on what is good and right. Keep me serving you, and rejoicing, because of your love for me.</p>
<p>4 Psalm 42:1-11</p> <p>God, on this day that we in America celebrate freedom, help us feel called to work for freedom for all. Help us point people to your love, even as we long after serving you, like a deer longs for water. Help us cling to your divine heart—both day and night.</p>	<p>5 1 Sam 16:1-13</p> <p>Lord God, when King David was anointed, he was someone who might otherwise have been overlooked. Show us who we might notice today. If we are in too much of a hurry, perhaps we'll overlook them. Lead us with your Holy Spirit in all we do.</p>	<p>6 Acts 27:13-26</p> <p>Almighty God, the Apostle Paul experienced storms and shipwreck, as he attempted to travel with the good news of your love and grace--and yet you saw him through all of it. Sometimes we, too, encounter the "storms" of life. We trust you to take care of us—always.</p>	<p>7 Psalm 86:8-10</p> <p>God, you are greater than I can even imagine. You made everything I see...and all that I don't see. There is none that could ever compare to you, O God. Your thinking is so much higher than mine! And your love is so much deeper!</p>	<p>8 Colossians 2:1-7</p> <p>Loving Lord, I pray that I might be rooted in Christ, built up in my faith, and overflowing with thankfulness. Though I am not yet that person in full, I trust you are forming me and molding me, Lord. I am yours. Keep forming and molding.</p>	<p>9 Psalm 119:35</p> <p>Lord, there is one thing that truly pleases me...and that is when I please you. Accolades aren't always helpful, and people's opinions change this way and that. Your approval, however, is what I seek above all. Help me live into that goal.</p>	<p>10 Matthew 6:19-24</p> <p>God, you are the Lord of my life and the center of all that is important to me. When it's all said and done, knowing you is the one true treasure that I seek. All else is only temporary. Life with you is forever. Thank you, Lord.</p>
<p>11 Matthew 14:13-23</p> <p>God, even Jesus faced interruptions. He went to a quiet place to pray, but the crowds found him... and he healed the sick and fed thousands of people that day. Help me to see that I can be like Jesus and embrace unexpected opportunities to show love.</p>	<p>12 Matthew 15:29-31</p> <p>Lord Jesus, people who need healing often find their way to you. There's something irresistible and magnetic about how you offer love to people. Show me how to truly welcome others like you do, with my heart wide open.</p>	<p>13 Matthew 10:29-31</p> <p>God, your creation is vast, yet you care about me. You care about each day of my life and every feeling I experience. I'm an infinitesimal part of an immeasurable universe, yet I'm invaluable to you. All I can say is: Thank you.</p>	<p>14 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24</p> <p>God of Peace, sanctify me and make me whole. Set me apart for your holy service...not just in the ways I long to serve, but in all the ways you call me to serve. Challenge me and make me grow into the likeness of Christ.</p>	<p>15 Hebrews 11:1-6</p> <p>Loving God, you are as invisible to me as my own soul. Yet I know that you are there and that you love me. By faith, I'm absolutely sure of your presence, even if I can't see you with human eyes. When I pray, I trust that you are there—always!</p>	<p>16 Luke 15:3-7</p> <p>Loving Shepherd, if I become distracted, confused, or simply lost, you come and find me. You bring me back to my true home, right in the middle of your circle of love. Thank you for never giving up on me.</p>	<p>17 Isaiah 41:8-14</p> <p>Faithful God, you never leave me. You touch me with your grace, you guide me gently with your loving hand. And sometimes, when necessary, you grab me and save me from the trouble I have caused myself. All praise to you, O Lord!</p>
<p>18 1 Kings 8:54-61</p> <p>Lord God, help me to cherish the history of what you've done for centuries. You always keep your promises. You guide your faithful people on a journey toward something good, even if the path goes through dry valleys. I place my trust in you.</p>	<p>19 Ephesians 3:14-21</p> <p>Lord, to know the depth and breadth of your love is my desire. The knowledge I long for most is to know you more fully...and to be fully known by you. Guide me to ponder your love both day and night...and to be transformed.</p>	<p>20 Psalm 23:1-6</p> <p>.Good Shepherd, you provide for my every need. When I am hungry, you feed me. When I am tired, you grant me rest. When I sin, you are eager to forgive me and pull me back to you. Thank you for being my "everything."</p>	<p>21 Matthew 5:13-16</p> <p>Lord, sometimes I spot, amongst my spices, something I've left unused so long it barely has any power to flavor anything. It reminds me that sometimes my faith goes unused. Lord, motivate me to be the salt of the earth, as you intend.</p>	<p>22 Psalm 27:1-5</p> <p>God, it's so easy to become preoccupied with who we think might be AGAINST us. Remind us that what's most important is who is FOR us. You are for us, O God. You want the best for us because you love us. Thank you!</p>	<p>23 Matthew 13:1-8</p> <p>God, you are always planting your love in my soul. Sometimes I'm fertile soil and sometimes I'm not. Teach me to make the most of what you place in my life, so that I might multiply the grace that you have given freely to me.</p>	<p>24 Mark 1:35-38</p> <p>Jesus, you have modeled for me that I need quiet time with God--as well as time among the people, showing them God's love and grace. Guide me, as I try to achieve a good balance in my spiritual life, including public and private.</p>
<p>25 1 Kings 19:1-9</p> <p>God of Providence, you know my needs better than I do. Although there may be times that I am in despair, you have a plan already in place to provide for my needs. Nourish my soul, O Lord, for you know that is best for me.</p>	<p>26 Isaiah 40:28-31</p> <p>Lord, just when I think I can go on no longer, you give me strength. You lift me up, as if on the wings of an eagle. I know it can't be my own power in those moments. It is the power of your Holy Spirit that helps me.</p>	<p>27 .Mark 12:28-34</p> <p>Lord, help me to keep my focus on what is most important, when it comes to your commandments. Help me stay my mind on how I might learn to love you more completely, and how I might love my neighbor as myself.</p>	<p>28 Genesis 19:15-26</p> <p>God, similar to when Lot's wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt, I sometimes look backwards too much in my life...and it makes me immovable and helpless. Teach me to always look forward, knowing you take care of me.</p>	<p>29 John 10:22-30</p> <p>Almighty God, you have provided for all our needs...and all those needs are met in Jesus. Help me to believe fully in Jesus—what he preached, taught, and lived. Help me to share the love of Christ with all whom I meet.</p>	<p>30 1 Peter 4:7-11</p> <p>Lord God, teach us to love one another deeply, to be hospitable, and to be gracious in all things. Help us to live out what we profess. May the example of what we say and what we do be the proof of the sincerity of our faith.</p>	<p>31 2 Corinthians 4:6-10</p> <p>Lord God, we are only human beings--flesh and blood. Yet, you can do amazing things in and through us. Help us to know that we are like clay jars, and we simply contain within us something which is completely holy...your Spirit!</p>