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Love the Lord with all your heart

Jesus stated in **Mark 21: 30-31**, “ And thou shall Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and all thy soul, and all thy mind and with all thy strength; this is the first commandment There is none other commandment greater”

Loving the Lord with all our “soul” means loving the Lord on good days and on bad days and all days in between, It means having an eternal love affair with him because of his extravagant love for us. Loving God with all our life is not a wish-washy love. To be in love with God is the high calling of the Christian life. It pleases God to know we love him whole heartily.

Bryon Gould, Northeastern Jurisdiction Prayer Advocate President

Scriptures of the Month

“Bearing with one another and if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other, as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive”- **Colossians 3:13**

Whoever walks with wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm— **Proverbs 13:20**

“I, therefore, a prisoner for the Lord urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have called with all humility and gentleness with patience, bearing with one another in love— **Ephesians 4:1**

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy. **Proverbs 31:8-9**



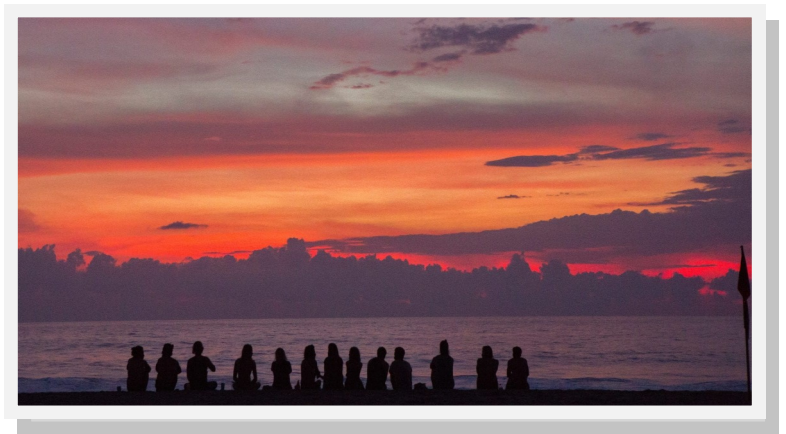
“ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if you live by Spirit you put death the deeds of the body you will live”- **Romans 8:13**

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in obedience to him. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. **Psalm 128:1-2**

As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread and be honored, just as it was with you. **2 Thessalonians 3:1**

Yes, Lord walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts. My soul yearns for you in the night; in the morning my spirit longs for you. When your judgement comes upon the earth, the people of the world learn righteousness. **Isaiah 26: 8-9**

Keep Praying for Peace and Love For All



THE POWER OF PRAYER

Prayer helps develop a relationship with. Just like your parents here on earth, your heavenly father to hear from you and talk to you. When you pray, he listens. Then he answers your prayers in the form of thoughts, spiritual feelings, scripture, or even the actions of other people. **Prayer helps you gain an understanding of God's loving nature.** The scriptures teach "God is love" (1John 4:8). You can feel that love as you speak with through prayer, seeking his guidance in your life. **Prayer provides answers.** Praying and listening to the answers God gives you can help you better understand your purpose in life. God will help you understand why you are here and what you can do return to live with him after this life. **Prayer helps you find direction in your life.** When you privately pray to God, you can work through serious decisions in your life. God always listens and often provides the specific answers and guidance we seek. Even when he chooses not to answer immediately or in the way we might have hoped, prayer itself is a way to find peace..

Prayer gives you strength to avoid temptation. Jesus counseled his disciples "Watch and pray, that you enter not into temptation" (Matthew 26:41) Through prayer, we can overcome temptations of sin. Pray for God's help to keep you from making wrong choices. This will give you strength to do what is right. **Prayer aligns your will with God's will.** The purpose of prayer is not necessarily to tell God how you want him to do things. Rather it is to do better understand him and his ways, bringing yourself into alignment with his will. **Prayer invited the Holy Spirit into your life.** As you pray daily, you invite the Holy Spirit to be with you and to comfort and direct you. The Holy Spirit can give you answers, help you feel God's love, and bring feelings of peace and joy into your heart.

Prayer helps you become more like Jesus. Jesus set the perfect example of prayer. If you try to follow his example through prayer, you will become more like him and develop a better relationship with him and the heavenly Father.

Bryon Gould, Northeastern Jurisdiction Prayer Advocate

SONG OF THE MONTH



Maverick City Music & Elevation Worship

JIREH

GRAMMY nominated and Billboard #1 worship groups Elevation Worship and Maverick City are gearing up for the release of their collaborative live album, *Old Church Basement*, dropping April 30, 2021. The album's highly anticipated first single, "Jireh," featuring Chandler Moore and Naomi Raine from Maverick City, and its accompanying video are **available today on all streaming platforms**.

"Over the past year, the Mav crew has become more like family to us," says Chris Brown from Elevation Worship. "The times we've spent writing and worshipping together have been very special and felt equally important to what God was doing in both of our ministries." Out of one of their first songwriting sessions came the song "Jireh," a powerful ballad that Elevation Worship has been singing in their church services for several months. "It was the first song Pastor Steven and I wrote with Chandler Moore and Naomi Raine and it's the song that kick started the idea for the entire project, *Old Church Basement*," says Brown.

"Jireh" features lead vocals from Chandler Moore and Naomi Raine, who are also credited as co-writers on the track. "This song has honestly been a reminder for me that God is everything we'll ever need. My prayer and hope is that everyone who listens to this is reminded of the Father's heart toward us and that He loves to take care of us," says Naomi Raine of Maverick City.

Old Church Basement is **available now** to pre-save and pre-add, while "Jireh" is **available now** to download or stream. For "Jireh" lyrics and song resources, visit www.elevationworship.com/jireh

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

A PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed; we pray in the hearts of all men the true love of peace, and guided with your strong and peaceful wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your kingdom may go forward until the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of your love; though Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

A PRAYER FOR THE LONELY

O Lord the lover of souls, in whose hand is the life of every living thing, we bring before you in our prayers all those who are lonely in the world. They are yours Lord and no one can pluck them out of your hand. In your mercy let our remembrance reach them and comfort their hearts for your love sake Amen

A PRAYER FOR SINNERS

Have mercy , heavenly father on all who are hardened through deceitfulness of sin; give them grace to come to themselves , and the will and the power to return to you and the loving welcome of your forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

A PRAYER FOR MENTAL DARKNESS

Gracious Almighty God we come to you on behalf of your children who are with mental darkness, Restore them to strength of mind and cheerfulness of the spirit, and give them health and peace that they may turn to your marvelous light. Give them boldness to overcome the darkness that covers their mind and their hearts. In the precious name of Jesus Amen



PRAYING OUR WAY FORWARD



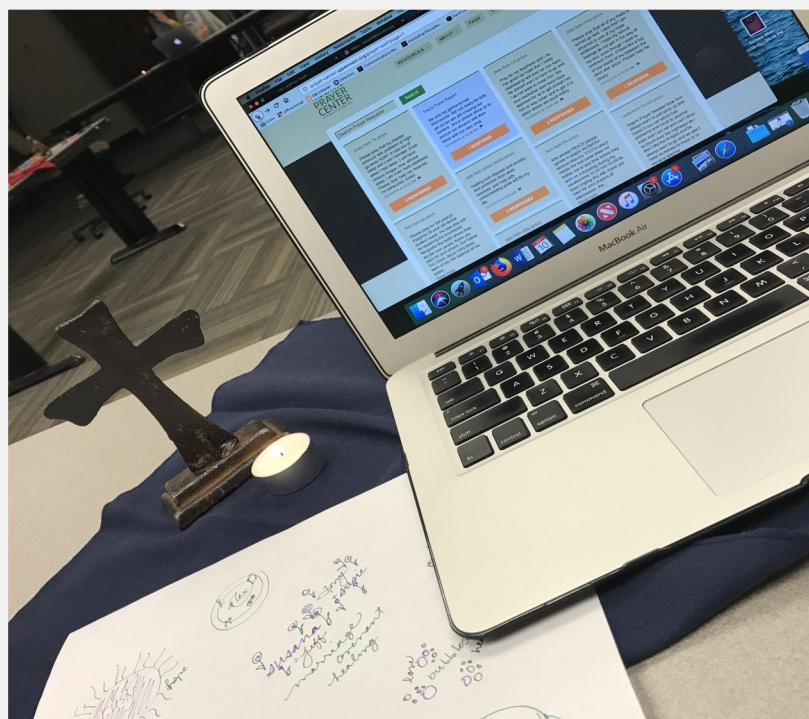
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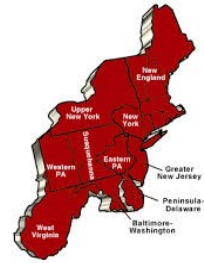
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Northeastern Jurisdiction

United Methodist Men

"Praying like Jesus"



We have unlimited openings for motivated prayer warriors to meet the need of God's people. Start immediately. Responsibilities include performing random acts of kindness, serving, and pleasing God, and doing what He commissions you to do. No experience is needed, God will equip you with on job training, Benefits will include growth opportunities leading to one incredible raise at the end of your service. You will need to:

- (1) Recognize God's voice-Discover God's plan for our lives
- (2) To discern God's will-Understand how to apply God's word
- (3) To make wise decisions- Everyday is filled with decisions
- (4) Be humble and have compassion for those who are hurting
- (5) To distinguish good from best- We need to thrive for greatness

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LET US JOIN TOGETHER IN PRAYER

The Power of Prayer

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Zoom ID 964 845 3714 Every Sunday from 2 to 4pm

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Annapolis District UMM

Hosted by Richard Campbell and Morgan Smith

Zoom ID 862 4489 7410 pass code 768838

Every Thursday Evening 7pm –8 pm

Baltimore Metropolitan District UMM

Hosted by Bryon Gould

Zoom ID 318 690 0495

Every Saturday Morning 10 am – 11:30 am

Binghamton District UMM

Hosted by John Conklin

Zoom ID 863 6352 7822

Every Monday evening at 7 pm

THE UNITED METHODIST MAN CREED



I am a United Methodist Man. I am a man as human and as sinful as any other man. However, I have been changed forever by the merciful grace of GOD, grounded in his word, and attempting, with his help, to live out my faith in the world. I feel especially called to a ministry to men and desire to see that every man reach the fullness of God and experience the wonderful saving grace of our Lord and Savior whom I am privileged to know.

I am a United Methodist Man. I belong to community of men within the United Methodist church who share my call to ministry and who are moved action by the whispers of the holy Spirit. Together, we are committed to serving God through the word and deed and strive to live out our faith as we take up our cross and follow him.

I am a United Methodist Man. I struggle with demons of the flesh as I live in the world even though I am not of this world. I strive to spend with him daily in prayer and meditation and look to the word for guidance and inspiration. I believe in his power working through me as I seek to bring other men to him.

I am a United Methodist Man. I take seriously Jesus' words "Come follow me" I have a special concern for the sick, the marginalized, and the needy. I assist the young through the scouting ministry of my church, honor the military and first responders with copies of Strength for Service, and help the hungry through participating in events led by Stop Hunger Now and the Society of St. Andrew. I want to respond in a healing way to the brokenness of the world in which I live.

I am a United Methodist Man, I will honor and uphold the traditions, polity and structure of the United Methodist Church. We can accomplish more together than we can as individuals I believe our Wesleyan heritage makes us unique and well equipped to witness our faith to a dying and sinful world. Our connectedness gives us strength to respond to God's call to love others as we would love him. I encourage my local fellowship to charter annually in order to support ministries beyond the local church.

I am a United Methodist Man. God's call on my life and my obedience to him makes me a radiating power. Through the faithfulness of my commitment to him. I become a living symbol, the hands and feet of Jesus, a sign of his Kingdom here on earth.