

Devotional Diary

13 – 19 January 2014

A resource for the daily rhythm of worship, focussed on the Lectionary Readings.

[Isaiah 49:1-7](#). A Servant Song of Isaiah — "I will give you as a light to the nations that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

[Psalm 40:1-11](#).

[1 Corinthians 1:1-9](#) (first of 6 Sundays in 1 Corinthians). Paul's greeting to the Corinthian community.

[John 1:29-42](#). John the Baptist tells of the baptism of Jesus and points out the "Lamb of God." They follow him and tell others they have found the Messiah.

This week we continue with the repeat our 21-day cycle of confession. You will find the daily focus for this cycle in the confession slot for each day. Each time we repeat this cycle, allow God to speak to you in new ways and lead you into a deeper sense of healing and freedom.

Monday:

Adoration Focus: Psalm 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Confession: Lord, forgive me when I rely only on my own strength and I ignore your call to share in the richness of your infinite resources. Help me to "plug-in" and to live out of your power.

The Word: See readings above: Ask questions: What is being said? What does it mean? How can I apply it in my life?

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: This week we pray for our local church. Our prayer is that every member would have a heart to express the abundant worth of God in their lives and in this world.

Personal prayers: (Use this section to list people you need to pray for or situations of personal concern that you need to bring before God in prayer)

Dedication: God, give me work till my life shall end; and life till my work is done. (Words on a grave stone)

Tuesday:

Adoration Focus: Psalm 19:7 The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

Confession: Lord, forgive me when I fill my life with hurry and never touch base with your order and love. Help me to listen to your breathing and to be filled with your breath.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: We continue to pray for our local church. Pray that we may all be involved in caring for each other and that no-one may be left out of a circle of care.

Dedication: God, give me work till my life shall end; and life till my work is done. (Words on a grave stone)

Wednesday:

Adoration Focus: Psalm 21:13 Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength; we will sing and praise your might.

Confession: Lord, forgive me when I live only for what I can get. Lord, I find it so hard not to get swallowed by the spirit of materialism, and sometimes I don't even recognise that I am guided by its ethics. Set me free that I may be guided by your values.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: Praying for the local church. Today we pray that each person would discover that they are called and gifted by God.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: God, give me work till my life shall end; and life till my work is done. (Words on a grave stone)

Thursday:

Adoration Focus: Psalm 22:3 Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel.

Confession: Lord, I do not have a firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you. O Lord, strengthen my faith. I pray that I may find my peace in you.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: Praying for the local church. Our prayer is that we as a church community would be a host for the gospel: that we would reach out and invite others to join us in our walk of faith.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: God, give me work till my life shall end; and life till my work is done. (Words on a grave stone)

Friday:

Adoration Focus: Psalm 22:19 But you, O Lord, be not far off; O my strength, come quickly to help me.

Confession: Lord, I am so reluctant to actively witness to your glory. Lord, forgive me and show me how to witness in loving and creative ways.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: Praying for the local church. Today we pray that our church may be filled with a Spirit of praise. (God is building a people of praise!)

Personal prayers:

Dedication: God, give me work till my life shall end; and life till my work is done. (Words on a grave stone)

Saturday:

Adoration Focus: Psalm 23:4 I will fear no evil, for you are with me...

Confession: Lord, I am so self-focussed I find it difficult to praise others and even to really lose myself in my praise of you. Forgive me Lord and give my heart wings to rise up in praise.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: Praying for the local church. Today we pray that our church may be filled with a spirit of generosity and abundance.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: God, give me work till my life shall end; and life till my work is done. (Words on a grave stone)

Sunday:

Adoration Focus: Psalm 24:1 The earth is the Lord's and everything in it...

Confession: Lord, you have said, "Seek first the Kingdom of God." I have sought first my own kingdom. Forgive me and help me to have Godly priorities.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: Today we pray that our church may be filled with a spirit of holy worship.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: God, give me work till my life shall end; and life till my work is done. (Words on a grave stone)