

Daily Rhythm

Devotional Diary 18 – 24 August 2014

This week's readings (thanks to www.gbod.org)

[Exodus 1:8-2:10](#) -- A pharaoh who did not know the family of Joseph made his descendants into hard-labour slaves and tried to reduce their numbers by infanticide. The Hebrew midwives and the daughter of Pharaoh had other ideas, so Moses was raised in the royal household.

[Psalm 124](#)

[Romans 12:1-8](#) -- Paul calls the Christians at Rome to offer themselves fully to God.

[Matthew 16:13-20](#) -- In a stronghold of Roman authority, Jesus asks the disciples who others say he is. Peter confesses, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

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Monday

Adoration Focus: We are called to respond to God in many ways. In our adoration focus we look at some of these ways. Today, "Glory in the name of the Lord"

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.

Seeking the Kingdom: The church (remember, you are the church!) has a role to play in all areas of life. This week we pray for some of these concerns that the church is called to.

Shared Focus: Christ came to bring reconciliation. Pray that the church may make this ministry of reconciliation relevant to our situation. Pray that the peoples of your land may come closer together in creativity and peace.

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: Today I choose to follow you..." (Song of commitment)

Tuesday

Adoration Focus: Today, "Lift up His holy name."

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: See readings above.

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: The call goes out from the prophets to facilitate justice. Pray that the church may be a creative part of this process. Thank God for those within the church who are reflecting on this issue from God's perspective and are voicing Godly concerns.

Personal Concerns:

Dedication: Today I choose to follow you..." (Song of commitment)

Wednesday

Adoration Focus: Today, "Love the Lord your God."

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: The call goes out to feed the poor and alleviate poverty. Pray that the church may take this call to heart and reach out in compassion.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: Today I choose to follow you..." (Song of commitment)

Thursday

Adoration Focus: Today, "Praise His holy name."

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: The call goes out for the church to be part of the fight against crime and corruption. Pray that we may build relationships across all barriers and that mutual love and respect for life may be our guide.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: Today I choose to follow you..." (Song of commitment)

Friday

Adoration Focus: "Prostrate yourself before the Lord."

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: The call goes out for the church to care for people with HIV/AIDS. Pray that the church may deal with this issue with deep compassion and embrace all who suffer.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: Today I choose to follow you..." (Song of commitment)

Saturday

Adoration Focus: Today, "Sing a new song to His name."

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: The call goes out to the church to help build family life. Pray that we may promote healthy families and good family dynamics particularly in an accepting and embracing way.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: Today I choose to follow you..." (Song of commitment)

Sunday

Adoration Focus: Today, "Bow before the name of the Lord."

Confession: Lord I am so self-focused 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: The call goes out to the church to strengthen the moral fibre of our country. Lord, you have called us to a whole new way of life. Help us not to compromise the values of your call and help us to promote these values in every way we can. May your holiness spread throughout our land.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: Today I choose to follow you..." (Song of commitment)