

Devotional Diary 13 – 19 October 2014

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Revised Common Lectionary readings for this Sunday, 19 October, with thanks to www.gbod.org:

[Exodus 33:12-23](#)

Moses seeks assurance that God is with him and the people as he continues to lead them. God promises ever-abiding presence. Moses wants more than words. He asks to see God's glory. God responds by allowing Moses to see the "after-glow" of the Divine Glory as God proclaims the Divine Name from a safe distance.

[Psalm 99](#)

[1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#)

Paul greets the Christians in Thessalonica with gratitude for their example of joyful faith in the face of persecution.

[Matthew 22:15-22](#)

In the temple, a group of Pharisees try to trap Jesus, but he traps them in their own hypocrisy and divided allegiances.

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Monday:

Adoration Focus: Each day thank God for something that you have never thanked him for before. It does not matter how small the gift may be, it is often in the smallest gift that the care of the giver is most clearly seen. As you thank God for the gift, give praise to the giver.

Confession: This week use these verses to guide your confessions: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Matthew 11:28-29. As you confess today focus on those things that "weary" you.

The Word: See readings above or use your own devotional resources here.

Seeking the Kingdom

Shared Focus: This week we pray for the local church that we are part of. Our first prayer goal: **Every Member worship.** Our prayer is that every member would have a heart to express the abundant worth of God in his or her life 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: Jesus said, "Follow me!" What does that mean in your life today?

Tuesday:

Adoration Focus: Each day thank God for something that you have never thanked him for before. It does not matter how small the gift may be, it is often in the smallest gift that the care of the giver is most clearly seen. As you thank God for the gift, give praise to the giver.

Confession: See Monday's confession. As you confess today focus on the heavy burden of false gods on your life's throne.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: This week we pray for the local church that we are part of. **Our second prayer goal: Every member care.** Here our goal is that each member may have a deep sense that they are cared for by their fellow Christians. Pray that we may all be involved in caring for each other and that no-one may be left out of the circle of care.

Personal Prayers:

Dedication: Jesus said, "Follow me!" What does that mean in your life today?

Wednesday:

Adoration Focus: Each day thank God for something that you have never thanked him for before. It does not matter how small the gift may be, it is often in the smallest gift that the care of the giver is most clearly seen. As you thank God for the gift, give praise to the giver.

Confession: See Monday's confession. As you confess today focus on a new centre for your life.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: This week we pray for the local church that we are part of. **Our third prayer goal: Every member ministr.:** Here we pray that each person would discover that they are called and gifted by God.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: Jesus said, "Follow me!" What does that mean in your life today?

Thursday:

Adoration Focus: Each day thank God for something that you have never thanked him for before. It does not matter how small the gift may be, it is often in the smallest gift that the care of the giver is most clearly seen. As you thank God for the gift, give praise to the giver.

Confession: See Monday's confession. As you confess today find rest in your submission to God's way...

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: This week we pray for the local church that we are part of. **Our fourth prayer goal:**

Every member a host. Here 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: Jesus said, "Follow me!" What does that mean in your life today?

Friday:

Adoration Focus: Each day thank God for something that you have never thanked him for before. It does not matter how small the gift may be, it is often in the smallest gift that the care of the giver is most clearly seen. As you thank God for the gift, give praise to the giver.

Confession: See Monday's confession. As you confess today ask God how He would lead you to his light yoke.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: This week we pray for the local church that we are part of. **Our fifth prayer goal:**

Building a people of Praise. I ask you to simply reflect on this statement and see how God guides you to pray for your church.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: Jesus said, "Follow me!" What does that mean in your life today?

Saturday:

Adoration Focus: Each day thank God for something that you have never thanked him for before. It does not matter how small the gift may be, it is often in the smallest gift that the care of the giver is most clearly seen. As you thank God for the gift, give praise to the giver.

Confession: See Monday's confession. As you confess today ask God to enthuse and inspire you in the way of the "light yoke."

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: This week we pray for the local church that we are part of. **Our sixth prayer goal:**

Living the Kingdom of God. I ask you to simply reflect on this statement and see how God guides you to pray for your church.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: Jesus said, "Follow me!" What does that mean in your life today?

Sunday:

Adoration Focus: Each day thank God for something that you have never thanked him for before. It does not matter how small the gift may be, it is often in the smallest gift that the care of the giver is most clearly seen. As you thank God for the gift, give praise to the giver.

Confession: See Monday's confession. As you confess today move into worship and offer yourself to God as a living sacrifice.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: This week we pray for the local church that we are part of. **Worship in Spirit and in**

Truth. I ask you to simply reflect on this statement and see how God guides you to pray for our church.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: Jesus said, "Follow me!" What does that mean in your life today?