

Prayer Calendar

August 2020

Life in the Spirit

This month we are praying for our Confirmands, their Teachers, Spiritual Friends and their parents, as they prepare to become professing members of the church. Please join us in praying for these young people as they grow in faith and practice and are confirmed on August 9.

Saturday, August 1

John 14:15 | (Jesus said) If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

~ Lord Jesus, You sum up your commandments: to love one another as you love us. Today, help me love those who are difficult to love and to love myself without judgment. **Ruth Ann Person, Director of Student Ministries**

Sunday, August 2

John 14:16, 17 | I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him.

~ Loving Lord, you give us grace upon grace. Give me eyes to see and ears to hear the Spirit of Truth and trust the leading that comes from you. **Katelyn Kitchens Confirmand**

Monday, August 3

John 14: 17b | You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you.

~ Lord, sometimes I don't understand what you are saying. Clear my head so that I might understand with my mind and respond with my heart and know with my soul and act in your strength. **Hannah Cook, Spiritual Friend**

Tuesday, August 4

John 14:18 | (Jesus said) I won't leave you as orphans. I will come to you.

~ Lord Jesus, your words are a comfort – to know that you will come again, that we will not be alone. Help me remember that you are always with me. Let me see your face today in the people I meet. **Aiden Briones, Confirmand**

Wednesday, August 5

John 14:25-26 | I have spoken these things to you while I am with you. The Companion, The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I told you.

~ Gracious God, teach me, lead me, guide me, show me your ways and help me recognize your teaching, leading and guiding. Give me a teachable spirit and a willing and open heart to receive your instruction. **Israel Perales, Spiritual Friend**

Thursday, August 6

Acts 1:2 | ...right up to the day when he was taken up into heaven. Before he was taken up, working in the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus instructed the apostles he had chosen.

Christ Jesus, instruct me in your ways, instruct me in the way that leads to faith and life through the power of the Holy Spirit. I sit in silence and listen. **Owen Raymer, Confirmand**

Friday, August 7

Acts 1:5 | John baptized with water, but in only a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

~ Lord, help me be aware of the power, guidance, and leading of the Holy Spirit in my life. Today, I remember my baptism and I am grateful. **Judy Partin, Spiritual Friend**

Saturday, August 8

Acts 1:14 | . . .all were united in their devotion to prayer, along with some women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

~ Lord Jesus, unite us your people in this time in this church in prayer so that we may hear your call and your leading into witness, mission and service to the world. Hear my prayer... **Autry Jeffery, Confirmand**

Sunday, August 9

Acts 1:16 | (Peter said) "Brothers and sisters, the scripture that the Holy Spirit announced beforehand through David had to be fulfilled."

~ Spirit of the Living God, you continue to reveal to us in all time and all places your desires for our lives. Help us open our ears to listen and our hearts to receive your call. My soul in silence waits . . . **Ron Burks, Spiritual Friend**

Monday, August 10

Acts 2:1 | When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place.

~ Lord, it is good to gather with your disciples to worship you. You call us together and with one voice we praise your name. Today I will give thanks and praise in all I do and say. **Emily Davis, Confirmand**

Tuesday, August 11

Acts 2: 2 | Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting.

~ Holy One, your Spirit is surprising and overwhelming in its power in our lives. Enable me to truly live in the power of the Spirit by acting and responding to your gentle nudges. **DorisMelling, Spiritual Friend**

Wednesday, August 12

Acts 2:3 | They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them.

~ Spirit of God, give me the understanding of what you want from me – I suppose I already know but have a hard time letting go of “my way of doing things.” Open the fist that holds onto “my way” so I can respond to “your way.” **Grace Patton, Confirmand**

Thursday, August 13

Acts 2:4 | They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

~ Holy Spirit, through your power and grace we can share the gospel story with others so they may understand. Today I lift up those who have never heard the gospel message. Today I will speak the gospel in my actions. **Catherine Fife, Spiritual Friend**

Friday, August 14

Acts 2:6 | When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages.

~ God of All, Your Spirit speaks to all persons in a language they understand and can hear. Amazing Grace! Help me be still so that I might hear your voice in a way that I understand. **Ella Porter, Confirmand**

Saturday, August 15

Acts 2:37 | When the crowd heard this, they were deeply troubled. They said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

~ Loving God, we come to you today asking, what next? What direction should we go? Where are you leading me? What should I do? Take away our fear and replace it with trust that you are leading me every day.

Lynda Sasser, Spiritual Friend

Sunday, August 16

United Methodist Hymnal, 393 | "Spirit of the living God, fall a fresh on me."

~ Living God, let your Spirit live within me as I sing your praises. **Zell Ferro, Confirmand**

Monday, August 17

Isaiah 41:10 | ...do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God;

~ Holy God, you give us a spirit of confidence, not fear. Remove our fears and replace them with the assurance and confidence that you are with us; loving us, providing for our needs. These are my fears today: _____. **Nolan Naugebauer, Spiritual Friend**

Tuesday, August 18

Isaiah 41: 10 | I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

~ God of Grace, today I need the strength and energy that comes from your grace and your presence. Hold me up – these things are holding me down. _____. **Charles Villarreal, Confirmand**

Wednesday, August 19

Romans 8: 26 | In the same way, the Spirit comes to help our weakness.

~ Holy Spirit, I want to believe that I am not weak, but strong and in control of everything all the time. Yet, this is not so. I know you are willing to help me, if I allow it. I name those areas in which I need your help: _____. **Leah & John Smith, Spiritual Friend**

Thursday, August 20

Romans 8: 26 | We don't know what we should pray...

~ Loving God, you call us to pray, but sometimes I have no words, no thoughts, no idea of what to say. I trust that you will teach me to pray. **Olivia Gonzales, Confirmand**

Friday, August 21

Romans 8:26 | ... but the Spirit itself pleads our case with unexpressed groans.

~ Holy Spirit, I will be still and silent and allow you to pray for me. Thank you for knowing. **Gale Drummond, Spiritual Friend**

Saturday, August 22

Romans 8:27 a | The one who searches hearts
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~ Lord, you search my heart and know my fears, my wants, my needs, my hopes and all those things that I am not even aware. Help me see what you see and to know what you know and to understand what you understand. **Madeline Proctor, Confirmand**

Sunday, August 23

Romans 8:27b | ... knows how the Spirit thinks, because it pleads for the saints, consistent with God's will.

~ Spirit of God, you plead on my behalf? Truly you are the Advocate and you lead me in the way of God's will and desire. **Christy Moore, Spiritual Friend**

Monday, August 24

Romans 8:28 | We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose.

~ Loving God, sometimes I can't see the good working in difficult situations. Help me remember that you will ultimately bring good out of the pain in my life. **Samuel Ramos, Confirmand**

Tuesday, August 25

I Corinthians 12:1 | Brothers and sisters, I don't want you to be ignorant about spiritual gifts.

~ Merciful God, I am not sure that I really have any spiritual gifts. I wonder if I have anything to offer you. Affirm my hope and give me encouragement to see me as you do. **Yuritzi Villanueva, Spiritual Friend**

Wednesday, August 26

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 | There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit, and there are different ministries and the same Lord; and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.

~ Almighty God, there are times that I do not believe in my own giftedness. I think that I am worthless. You do give everyone gifts, even those who think they are not worthy. Today, I recognize that you have given me spiritual gifts. **Karl Hutchins, Small Group Leader**

Thursday, August 27

1 Corinthians 12:7 | A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good.

~ Generous God, you give us all gifts and all gifts are important. Today, I will strive to remember that the gifts I are given to me are not my own but are for the common good. I think my gifts are:_____ **Sharon Granger, Small Group Leader**

Friday, August 28

1 Corinthians 12:11 | All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person.

~ Holy Spirit, thank you for the gifts that you have given to me just because you love me. **Cathi Fields, Substitute Small Group Leader**

Saturday, August 29

1 Corinthians 12:13 | We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink.

~ Holy God, thank you that I am a part of one great body. I am grateful today for:

----- **Families of the Confirmands**

Sunday, August 30

I Corinthians 13:1 | If I speak in tongues of human beings and of angels but I don't have love, I'm a clanging gong or a clashing cymbal.

~ Holy God, the greatest spiritual gift that you give is love. Today I will speak love to each person I meet. **The Body of Christ at First Methodist Conroe**

Monday, August 31

I Corinthians 13:13 | Now faith, hope and love remain – these three things – and the greatest of these is love.

~ Gracious God, the love you give is everlasting. Thank you for loving me, of giving me the ability to love and be loved in return. Today I lift up these that I love:

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All scripture is taken from The Common English Bible (CEB).

This prayer calendar is designed to aid you in your daily life of prayer.

Read the scripture for the day over and over, out loud if possible. As you read, listen with an “ear of the heart” to a word or phrase that strikes you.

Reflect on that word or phrase asking yourself the question: “What is God saying to me through this word or phrase at this time?” Spend time in silence with this scripture mulling it over in your mind and heart.

Allow God to speak to you in the silence. Offer a prayer out of your reflection.

Thank God for whatever you received in the silence of your prayer and take that with you through your day.