

SEASON OF

PRAYER

WEEK 3

JANUARY 24 – JANUARY 30, 2010

WORSHIP, AWE, AND WONDER
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24**Scripture**

Psalm 145

Time of Reflection and Prayer

Spend time reflecting on what you have read and communing with God.

Benediction

"Into your presence we come, Father God; remembering the sacrifice of your Son on a cruel cross so that we might know freedom from the guilt of sin, and be made right again with our Creator. Thank you, loving Father."

Retrieved from <http://www.faithandworship.com/liturgy8.m>

LISTENING TO GOD
MONDAY, JANUARY 25**Scripture**

John 10.1-21

Time of Reflection and Prayer

Spend time reflecting on what you have read and communing with God.

Benediction

Holy God – in this precious hour, we pause and gather to hear your word– to do so, we break from our work responsibilities and from our play fantasies; we move from our fears that overwhelm and from our ambitions that are too strong, Free us in these moments from every distraction, that we may focus to listen, that we may hear, that we may change. Amen

Walter Brueggemann, *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth*, p 61

WISDOM FROM GOD
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26**Scripture**

Job 28

Time of Reflection and Prayer

Spend time reflecting on what you have read and communing with God.

Benediction

Father in Heaven, make your Love the foundation of my Life. May my Love for You express itself in eagerness to do Good for others. Through the intercession of Jesus Christ, Your Son, by His example, give me courage. By His teachings, make me wise, so that I, like Him, may burn with Love for Your Divine Word. In Jesus Christ's name I pray, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit One God forever and ever. Amen.

GOD'S WORK IN US**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27****Scripture**

Colossians 1.3-14

Time of Reflection and Prayer

Spend time reflecting on what you have read and communing with God.

Benediction

Sometimes I feel disconnected from you.

Sometimes the Gospel does not seem real to me.

Sometimes I forget about the sacrifice of Jesus.

But let me immerse myself in the healing
and saving gospel of Christ

to make it real to me.

Father, please give me the gift of your Spirit,

To draw me closer to Jesus and point others his way.

Let me be a bearer of the good, healing news of the Gospel.

Let my life magnify the Savior; making him look big.

Father, reveal yourself to me,

so that I can share your healing, saving gospel to others.

Let me, like Jesus, befriend the outsider

Let my life be a picture of what a life spent in communion with God is like.

GOD'S WORK THROUGH US**THURSDAY, JANUARY 28****Scripture**

1 Peter 2.4-25

Time of Reflection and Prayer

Spend time reflecting on what you have read and communing with God.

Benediction

Lord by thy grace, let the poor see us being drawn to Christ and inviting him to enter their homes and their lives. Let the sick and the suffering find in us true angels of comfort and consolation. Let the little ones of the streets cling to us because we remind them of him, the friend of all little ones.

Mother Teresa

GOD'S WORK IN THE WORLD

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

Scripture

Acts 17.16-34

Time of Reflection and Prayer

Spend time reflecting on what you have read and communing with God.

Benediction

Let the rain come and wash away the ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds held and nurtured over generations. Let the rain wash away the memory of the hurt, the neglect. Let the warmth of the sun heal us wherever we are broken. Let it burn away the fog so that we can see each other clearly. So that we can see beyond labels, beyond accents, gender or skin color. Let the warmth and brightness of the sun melt our selfishness. So that we can share the joys and feel the sorrows of our neighbors. And let the light of the sun be so strong that we will see all people as our neighbors. Let the earth, nourished by rain, bring forth flowers to surround us with beauty. And let the mountains teach our hearts to reach upward to heaven. Amen.

A Prayer for the World, Harold Kushner

RESTING IN GOD

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

Scripture

Hebrews 4.1-13

Time of Reflection and Prayer

Spend time reflecting on what you have read and communing with God.

Benediction

And the world becomes a place of rest. An hour arrives like a guide, and raises our minds above accustomed thoughts. People assemble to welcome the wonder of the seventh day, while the Sabbath sends out its presence over the fields, into our homes, into our hearts. It is a moment of resurrection of the dormant spirit in our souls.

Abraham Joshua Heschel, The Sabbath, p 66