

SEASON OF

PRAYER

WEEK 2

JANUARY 17 – JANUARY 23, 2010

WORSHIP, AWE, AND WONDER
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17**Scripture**

Psalm 139

Time of Reflection and Prayer

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

Benediction

May we not be quick with our mouths,
May we not be hasty in our hearts
to utter anything before God.
God is in heaven
and we are on earth,
may our words be few.

LISTENING TO GOD
MONDAY, JANUARY 18**Scripture**

Psalm 46

Time of Reflection and Prayer

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

Benediction

Help us to be present in this moment exactly as it is and recognize You are here with us, You are in control and You are good. May we breathe in the truth that everything we need will be provided for us. Beckon us to be brave enough to face this life in which longing is inescapable, and to be available right now, to be open to Your hope right now. Amen.

WISDOM FROM GOD
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19**Scripture**

Ephesians 1.15-23

Time of Reflection and Prayer

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

Benediction

Give me O Lord, I pray Thee; firm faith, unwavering hope, perfect charity. Pour into my heart the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and spiritual strength, the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and the Spirit of Thy holy fear. Light eternal, shine in my heart. Power eternal, deliver me from evil. Wisdom eternal, scatter the darkness of my ignorance. Might eternal, pity me. Grant that I may ever seek Thy face with all my heart and soul and strength; and, in thine infinite mercy, bring me at last to Thy holy presence where I shall behold Thy glory and possess Thy promised joys

St. Alcuin of York (735-804)

GOD'S WORK IN US**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20****Scripture**

John 17

Time of Reflection and Prayer

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

Benediction

O Sovereign and almighty Lord, bless all thy people, and all thy flock. Give thy peace, thy help, thy love unto us thy servants, the sheep of thy fold, that we may be united in the bond of peace and love, one body and one spirit, in one hope of our calling, in thy divine and boundless love.

(Liturgy of St Mark, 2nd Century retrieved from: www.faithandworship.com/early_Christian_prayers.htm)

GOD'S WORK THROUGH US**THURSDAY, JANUARY 21****Scripture**

2 Corinthians 5.11-21

Time of Reflection and Prayer

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

Benediction

I pray, O God, that your life-wind would blow afresh through my life; I pray that who I am—my mind, body, soul, and spirit—would receive your presence; I pray that the breath of your Spirit would rest on me; I pray that my life would then be your living exhale in this community: caring for those who cannot help themselves, speaking for those whose voices are not heard, and standing for what is pure, just, and loving.

GOD'S WORK IN THE WORLD

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

Scripture

Isaiah 61

Time of Reflection and Prayer

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

Benediction

Father in Heaven, we ask that you would help those in need, give strength to the weak, comfort the sorrowful, and provide sustenance to the hungry. May all who seek your help experience your unfailing protection. Amen

RESTING IN GOD

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

Scripture

Psalm 62

Time of Reflection and Prayer

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

Benediction

Father in heaven, remind us that it is not in what we do that we find hope. Remind us that it is not in what we can fix that we find meaning. Remind us that it is not in what we can accomplish that we find worth. Remind us that repentance and rest is our salvation. Remind us that quietness and trust is our strength.