

DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

Our daily meditation this week has been created by Pay Dixon, Judy Snodgrass & Dixie Thomas. We thank them for leading us this week as we pray for our country and leaders. Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God we should commitment reading Scripture every day. There are questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and one will be given to you. To locate the passages, use the Table of Contents to find the page number. The number before the colon will tell you the chapter to find. The numbers after the colon are the superscript numbers in your Bible indicating the verses to read.

Monday, July 3rd – 1 Timothy 2:1-3; Daniel 2:20-21

Scripture instructs us to pray for all in authority. Read 1 Timothy 2:1-2. Each day we should pray for our president and all of our leaders. What other leaders would be included in your prayers—national, state, local, church, community, home? What does scripture ask of us as we pray for our leaders? Should we not be praying diligently for wisdom and understanding? Read Daniel 2:20-21. God can change those in authority. Prayer helps us stand in the gap for our leaders. What will your prayer be today for our leaders?

Tuesday, July 4th – Proverbs 2:6; Proverbs 9:10; James 1:5 Happy Birthday USA!

As we read from Proverbs and James today, let our focus be on prayer for our President and for all federal leaders. Read today's scriptures. What is needed as the president faces complex challenges, leading our country in such a chaotic time? Do you see the importance as followers of Christ, that our country's leaders know the will of God, seek His counsel, and listen to Him? Pray for that today: Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding.

Wednesday, July 5th – Psalm 62:8; Ephesians 6:12, 16

What are we called to do? Hope in God, not men (Psalm 62:8)! When leaders are following God, they understand being prepared for the battle. Paul describes that the biggest opponent is not the other political parties, or tyrant rulers in faraway places. Paul tells us the main battle, Ephesians 6:12, is against Satan, the devil, the evil one. Pray for all leaders first to know the love and mercy of God, and that they will have a personal one-on-one relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray our leaders will put on the full armor of God. What does Ephesians 6:16 tell us will be the results? How many darts are quenched? Does the scripture say 2, 4, several; how many are extinguished? Do you believe that the shield of faith has the power to quench ALL? Pray your leaders will be God-fearing, Jesus-loving, and Spirit-filled. Isn't that what we need? Pray local, state and national leaders will know Jesus, follow his plan, and put on the full armor of God.

Thursday, July 6th – 2 Chronicles 7:14

When we think of transformation in the hearts of our leaders, we begin to see how God can use men and women to fulfill his purpose. After Solomon had consecrated the temple to the Lord, and the people had witnessed God's glory, Solomon received an important message from God in 2 Chronicles 7:14. God said, "If my people who are called by my name." This is you and me; and also, the church. God gave instructions to do four things. Write them down, make a list, and ask yourself if you have done them. Have you prayed your leaders will do these four commands? Are you ready to honor God and pray for the hearts of leaders in your town, county, state, nation, and all over the world?

Friday, July 7th – 1 Timothy 2:1-4; Colossians 1:15-18; Ezekiel 22:23-31

On Monday, we read 1 Timothy 2, verses 1-2. Let's reread verses 1-2, and also read through verse 4. We have considered praying for national and local leaders, but have you considered praying for those who lead in your personal life? What about those who lead in your church, your place of employment, or even the spiritual leaders of your home? Often, we find fault with those who lead us; we may be disappointed or frustrated and tend to speak negatively of our leaders when this happens. Rather than speaking negatively of those in authority, consider praying for your leaders, especially in the areas they fall short. 1 Timothy 2:3-4 reminds us also to pray for our leaders to receive salvation in Christ, and to come to the knowledge of the truth, because God desires this for all people. Now read Colossians 1:15-18. Who has supreme authority? How might this change your prayers? Remember that Christ is the supreme authority and all things were created by him and for him. We can pray that our leaders keep Christ as the center and submit to him as the ultimate authority. Finally, let's read Ezekiel 22:23-31. What was the Lord looking for in verse 30? What will happen if the Lord finds no one to "stand in the gap" (pray) for the land and its leaders? Take time to pray for the leaders in your life today.

Saturday, July 8th – In preparation for tomorrow's worship, please read Genesis 37:18-37,