



* Prayers Anchored in the
Gospel of John

Monday January 6

* O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, you Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

* **The Collect**
Collecting your thoughts so you can focus
on God.

John 1 (NIV)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was with God in the beginning.

3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

 **Scripture**

* This is a time when you will want to understand the passage and the original intent of the author. Feel free to read it several times and also to write down any questions you might have.

We are at the outset of a story that will reveal to us the most profound mysteries of life. This story is simply about God, the glory of his character, the nature of his life and his desire to share that life with his creatures. It is about God come amongst us and the mixed response he received to his offer of divine life.

IVP Commentary

<http://www.biblegateway.com/resources/ivp-nt/John-Introduces-Story-Glory>

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* John tells us that the source of life for mankind is in the Word, Jesus. God creates life in humans through breathing his words into us. If we receive His words then our souls come alive with spiritual vigor.

Len Thompson

* **Meditation**

* “And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not.” Accordingly, brethren, as in the case of a blind man placed in the sun, the sun is present to him, but he is absent from the sun. So every foolish man, every unjust man, every irreligious man, is blind in heart. Wisdom is present; but it is present to a blind man, and is absent from his eyes; not because it is absent from him, but because he is absent from it. What then is he to do? Let him become pure, that he may be able to see God. Just as if a man could not see because his eyes were dirty and sore with dust, rheum, or smoke, the physician would say to him: “Cleanse from your eye whatever bad thing is in it, so that you may be able to see the light of your eyes.” Dust, rheum, and smoke are sins and iniquities: remove then all these things, and you will see the wisdom that is present; for God is that wisdom, and it has been said, “Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.”

* Augustine, Homilies on the Gospel of John



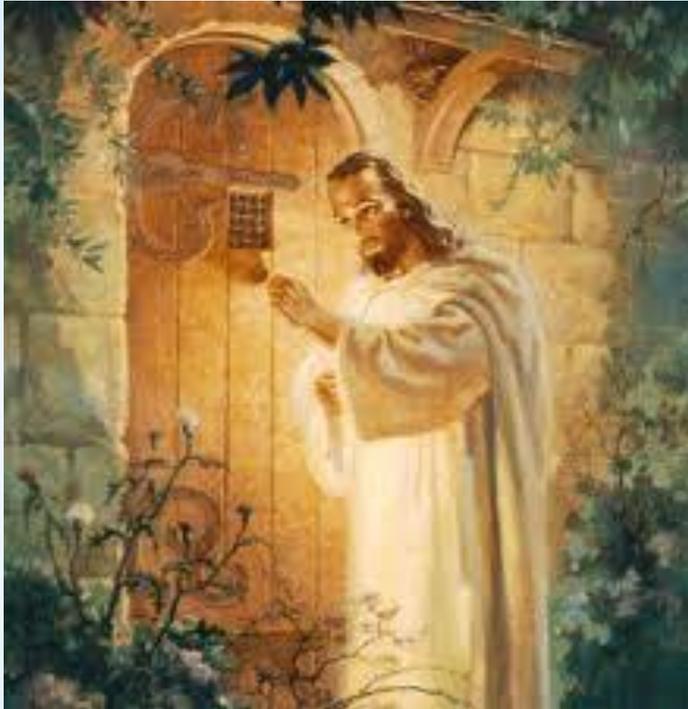
Meditation

* Jesus, your mercy is measureless; your patience is limitless; your grace is boundless. None is more bighearted towards the brokenhearted than you. We begin, enter and will end this day enveloped in your love and guided by your hand. Everywhere we look, we will find you there. There's no dark, hard, crushing place you are not present. Continue to open the eyes of our hearts.

Scotty Smith :

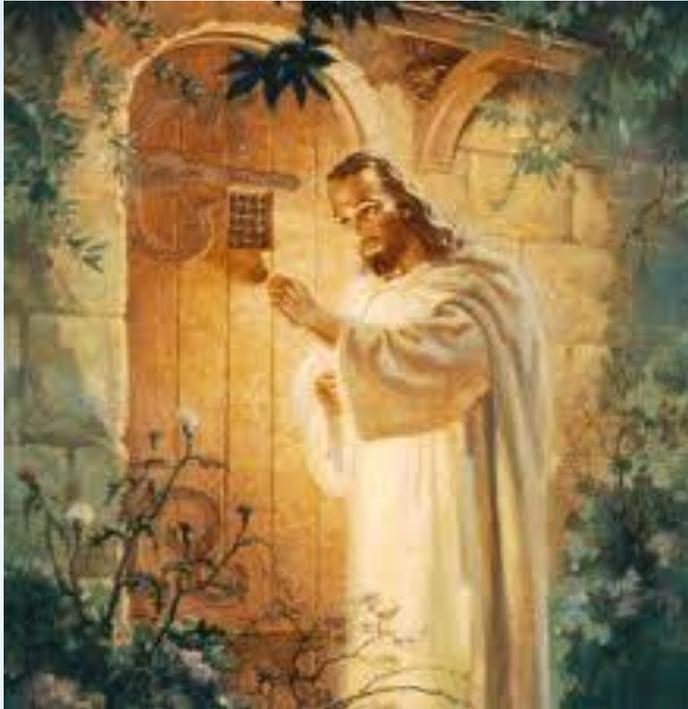
<http://thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/scottysmith/2012/01/31/a-prayer-to-see-jesus-and-go-with-him-to-the-brokenhearted/>

* Response



* Jesus came so that we could receive Him and open ourselves to have many conversations with Him. Take a few minutes to receive the presence of Jesus into your whole day. Ask Jesus to walk with you through each coming event.

* Prayer



* Pray for one or two of your friends who has a hard time opening the door of their heart to hear Jesus talk with them. Ask that their eyes may be opened to the love of Christ.

* Prayer

* Father, I desire above all, the greatest blessing of all, the blessing of Your daily presence. My relationship with You means everything! I cannot live in the poverty of not knowing You. I want to know and love You more—to walk with You, break bread with You, speak my heart to You, and respond to You as I hear Your voice, see Your smile, and sense Your pleasure.

Roy Lessin,

<http://www.meetmeinthemeadow.com/2013/07/prayer-for-blessing/>

* Blessing