



Prayers Anchored in the Gospel of John

John 1:1-18

Friday January 10

* 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.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

 **Scripture**

* This is a time when you will want to think about what God has said to you this week. He has spoken personally and He desires you to pay attention and put some feet to the direction he has given to you.

What words have stuck in your mind this week? What ideas have sifted deep into your soul as you thought about Jesus coming to reveal the Father?

* **Meditation**

*The Spirit of God

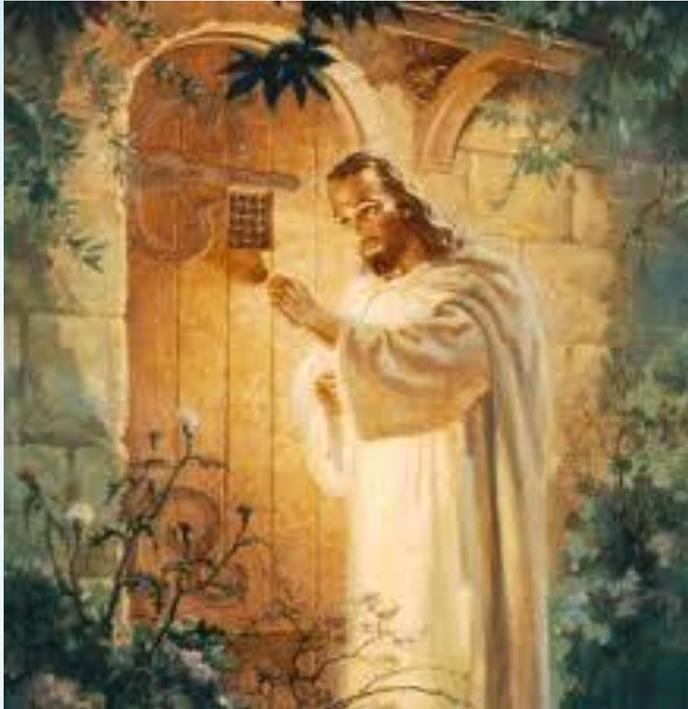
- * Comforts
- * Rebukes
- * Teaches
- * Guides

* Sometimes the Voice of Jesus resonates deeply in one of these areas and sometimes we hear that sweet voice in two, three or even all four of these ways. Write down what Jesus has discussed with you this week.

*Meditation

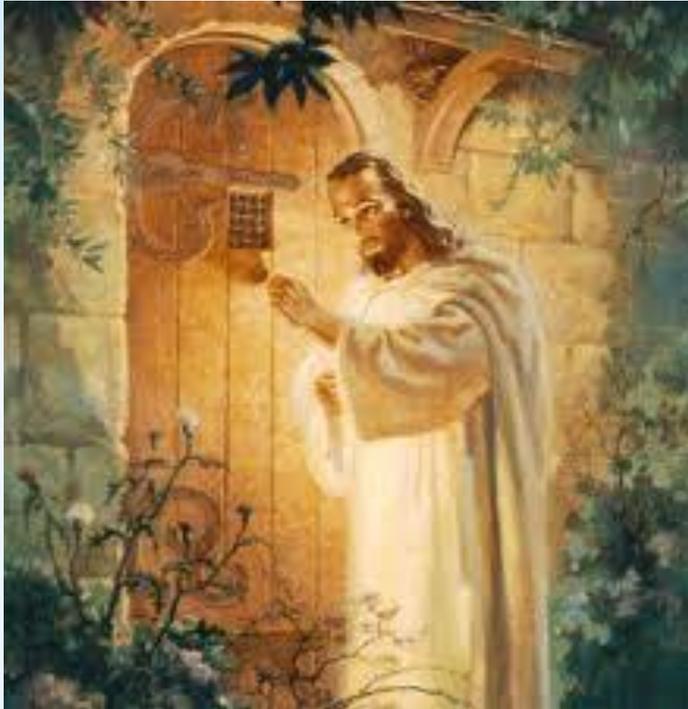
- * Can you take these thoughts and articulate your response back to God? Is your response one of surrender to His direction or are you finding resistance welling up inside? Scripture is meant to become a script to guide and change our lives and with practice you will become better at hearing the Voice of Jesus speak.
- * For instance, my personal response as I have contemplated this passage this week has been: “I will receive Jesus this coming year as the revealer of the Father.” This now becomes my response of love to Jesus. It may sound very simple but it has now become articulated and is a choice that I will act upon.

* Response



- * This is an example of the prayer that stems from my response.
- * “Jesus, I will pay great attention to the words that you say about the Father. I will rehearse those words over and over until I grow to know the Father as You have revealed Him. I will notice the things that you do as obedience to Your Father. I surrender my will to you to make me like You because I believe that is why you came.”

* Prayer



* Pray for strength to live out what you have been directed to do this week by Jesus. Pray that you will keep working at this, even though it may take a lot of practice to build this direction into your life.

* Prayer

"Luke 11:28

"Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it." May you find God's richest blessings as you obey His Words to you this week.

 **Blessing**