



Prayers Anchored in the Gospel of John John 1:19-28

Saturday Day 14

* Shed upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light, that we, being illumined by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist John, may so walk in the light of your truth, that at length we may attain to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

John 1 (NIV)

¹⁹ Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders^[c] in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰ He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah."

²¹ They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

²² Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

²³ John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"

²⁴ Now the Pharisees who had been sent ²⁵ questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

²⁶ "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. ²⁷ He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸ This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

 **Scripture**

* Each of us tend to connect with God in different ways. Some of the pathways that are common are:

- * Nature
- * Solitude
- * Service to others
- * Study
- * Simplicity
- * Liturgy or Symbolic Action
- * Sharing deeply with others about God
- * Art or Music
- * Confronting Evil



* **Meditation**

*Take some time today to connect with God in one of your favourite ways. It is quite likely that you may have more than one pathway that connects you deeply with God. Remember that God has made each of us to relate to Him in a different way and so we should all connect with Him in unique ways. Enjoy the freedom of walking with Jesus today.

***Meditation**

* I spent some time today listening to my favourite worship music, sitting in a comfortable chair near a sunny window, with my journal, writing about the changes this passage made in my week. It was a wonderful time with God as we reconnected in a leisurely way. You might have a different way to reconnect so take a bit of time to be in your sacred space today.

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* **Response**

John 1: 26-27

²⁶ “I baptize with water,” John replied, “but among you stands one you do not know. ²⁷ He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.”

May the blessing of humility invade your being today in a powerful way.

 **Blessing**