



# Prayers Anchored in the Gospel of John 1 John 1:38- 51

Wednesday, Day 24

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Online Book of Common Prayer, 1979*

# \*The Collect

Collecting your thoughts so you can focus  
on God.

## John 1:43-46(NIV)

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote— Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

“Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked.

“Come and see,” said Philip.

\***Scripture**

\*This is a time when you will want to reflect (pray) on some part of the passage (John 1: 38-51) so that you and God are communicating. It can be a time for questions to God or to put into words some of the stirrings in your heart.

Father as I read John and the way in which you invite others to simply follow you and allow others to take the initiative to follow, I am struck with the uncomplicated offer and welcome that you provide. Help me to be aware of the ways I complicate that which is simple, both in how I love others and attempt to direct others to you.

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\*Meditation

The main point to notice is precisely that now Jesus does call someone to follow him, unlike the first disciples' having taken initiative themselves. Andrew found Simon, and now Jesus finds Philip. Philip also goes to find another person to tell about Jesus, which suggests that such sharing is a characteristic of the disciples. Many sermons on missions and evangelism have rightly been based on these passages: to find and share the divine presence found in Jesus is to take part in the Son's own mission to the world.

<http://www.biblegateway.com/resources/ivp-nt/Jesus-Appears-His-First-Disciples>

 **Meditation**

# Psalm 27:1,5-13

The LORD is my light and my salvation;

**whom then shall I fear?**

the LORD is the strength of my life;

**of whom then shall I be afraid?**

One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek;

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;**

To behold the fair beauty of the LORD

**and to seek him in his temple.**

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;

**he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling**

**and set me high upon a rock.**

Even now he lifts up my head

**above my enemies round about me.**

 **Response**

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness;

**I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

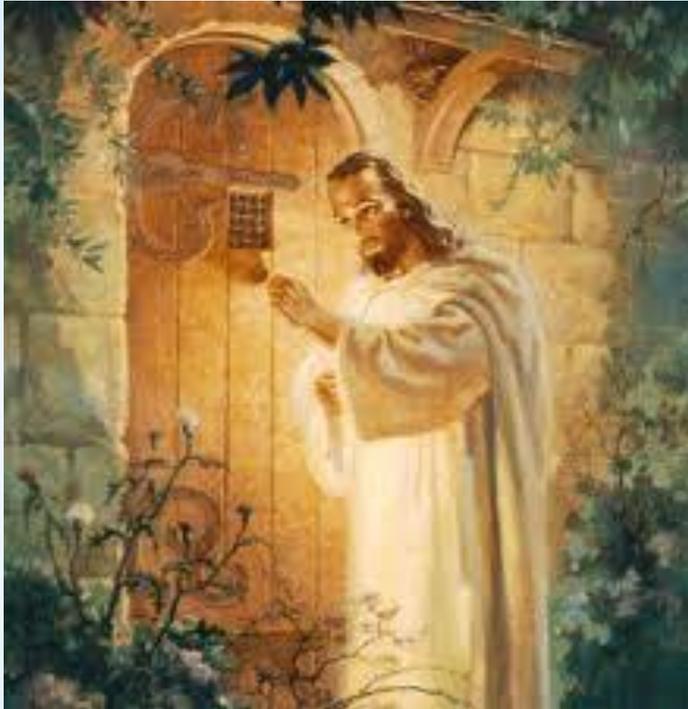
Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call;  
**have mercy on me and answer me.**

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."  
**Your face, LORD, will I seek.**

Hide not your face from me,  
**nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

You have been my helper; cast me not away;  
**do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

 **Response**



- \* Thank the Father for his Love.
- \* Thank the Son for his love of the Father
- \* Thank the Spirit for His steadfast presence in you to know the Fathers' and the Sons' love and how to love others.

\* Prayer



\* Pray for those who God is asking that you share His love with them. Pray that they would be open to Him.

\* Prayer

## Isaiah 43:3-5

For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;  
I give Egypt for your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in your stead.  
Since you are precious and honored in my sight,  
and because I love you,  
Do not be afraid, for I am with you;

*Amen*

 **Blessing**