

# Prayers Anchored in the Gospel of John

## John 1:38-51

Friday January 31

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 1:38-51 (NIV)

Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?” “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus.<sup>41</sup> The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).

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.

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.” “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.” Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

# 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.

How has the Father revealed himself in scripture this week to you? Allow the stirrings to move your thoughts and emotions. What action is the Holy Spirit wanting you to take through this revelation? Are you willing?

# Meditation

## The Spirit of God

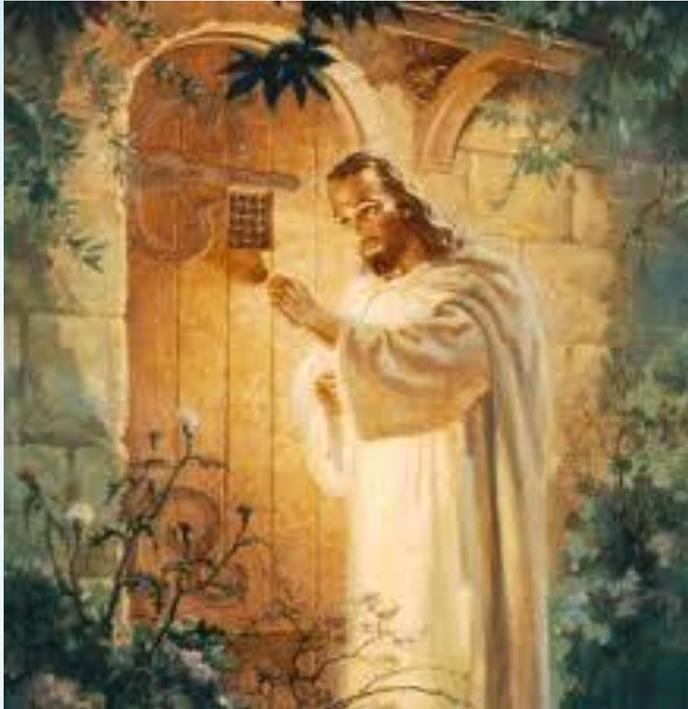
- Comforts
- Rebukes
- Teaches
- Guides

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

- Take time to put your thoughts and emotions together. Articulating these promptings will help you to see how the Spirit is moving in you. Putting your words to the page (or tablet) will help you streamline these thoughts, will help you see.
- My personal attention is to the invitation to “come and see”, I sense that Jesus wants me to witness what He is doing in me and around me. There is a need for me to respond to His invitation, I can refuse or I can go and see. My heart is drawn to the invitation, but that is not enough if I don't “go” to keep the desire strong I have made a decision to follow and go see. I have decided to know His script more deeply to be more familiar to His invitation.

 **Response**



My response to what the Spirit is asking of me. Pray what the Spirit is praying in you.

“Jesus I desire to know you more deeply. I want to follow without checking my calendar first. Your words I will pay attention to, I will let your Spirit lead my understanding. I choose to let my will be your will. Reveal in me when I trust in me first, and lead me back to you.”  
Amen

Mark

\*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

To God the Father, who loved us,  
and made us accepted in the Beloved:  
to God the Son who loved us,  
and loosed us from our sins by his own blood:  
to God the Holy Spirit,  
who spreads the love of God abroad in our  
hearts:  
to the one true God be all love and all glory  
for time and for eternity. **Amen.**

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 **Blessing**