



# Prayers Anchored in the Gospel of John

## John 2:1-11

Sunday John 2.Day 1

\*Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Saviour of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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## \*The Collect

Collecting your thoughts so you can focus  
on God.

## John 2:1-11 (NIV)

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup> and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

<sup>4</sup> "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

<sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup> Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

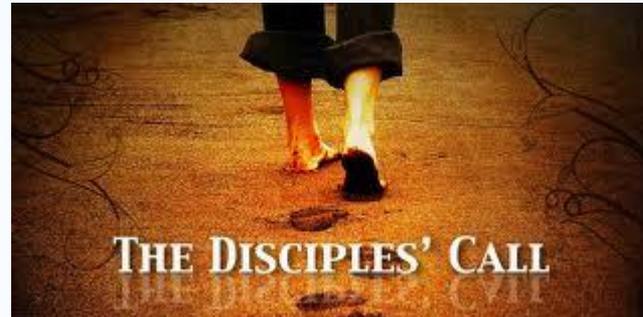
<sup>8</sup> Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, <sup>9</sup> and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup> and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

<sup>11</sup> What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

 **Scripture**

\*Today is a day to simply introduce yourself to the text for the week. Read it over slowly several times in a leisurely way and reverential manner. This is a day of rest so don't work at this reading. Just drink it in and let the powerful word of God begin its work in you this week. Think of the excitement of meeting, Jesus, the living Word, in this passage this week.



\*Meditation

\* Jesus loved being at weddings and He brought joy to this wedding by a gift of excellent wine. Enjoy the excellence of Jesus' gifts to you this Sabbath and

\* Rest

\* Cease from your work

\* Embrace God and the people you love

\* Celebrate that God gave you a whiff of heaven today

\* **Meditation**

May you be blessed this week by God's marvelous gifts to us. Enjoy them. Embrace them. Savour them deeply. Walk in the joy of Jesus this week.

\*Blessing