



Prayers Anchored in the Gospel of John

John 3:16-21

Sunday, February 23, 2014

* Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

* The Collect

Collecting your thoughts so you can focus on God.

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John 3:16-21 (NIV)

- * ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
- * ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.
- * ¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

- * 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.
- * Let the powerful word of God begin its work in your life this week.



* Meditation

*For audio version of passage (John 3), visit
<http://www.biblegateway.com/audio/dramatized/niv/John.3>*

“This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.” (1 John 1:5)

All-powerful and ever-living God,
shine with the light of your radiance
on a people who live in the shadow of death.
Let the dawn from on high break upon us;
your son our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

<http://cathedralofsaintmatthew.com/LifeResources/Prayers/PrayersForLight.htm>



* Meditation

“Now to the King eternal,
immortal, invisible,
the only God,
be honour and glory for ever and
ever. *Amen.*” (1 Tim. 1:17)

*Blessing