

* Prayers Anchored in the
Gospel of John
John 3:16-21

Friday, February 28, 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.

* 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.

What words have stuck in your mind this week?

+ the promise of the gift of eternal life

+ God's open, welcoming arms of acceptance and not condemnation

+ The importance of a life commitment to live in the light and walk in the truth

* **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

- * Can you take these thoughts and articulate your response back to God? Is your response one of surrender to His direction or are you finding resistance welling up inside?
- * My response is “Father, I thank you for the work that you do in my life that completely makes me new. I surrender to the hidden and quiet work of your Holy Spirit. I surrender to the death you call me to in Christ and stand in your hope for the new life you bring.”

* Response

All-powerful and ever-living God,
At morning, noon and evening we pray:
Cast out from our hearts the darkness of sin
And bring us to the light of your truth.
May our lives mirror the love, wisdom & truth
Poured out to us freely through your Son,
Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you
And the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever.
Amen.

 **Response**



- * 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 practice to build this direction into your life.

* Prayer

Let us receive these encouraging words from Scripture:

“Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, **we shall be like him**, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him **purify themselves**, just as he is pure.”

(1 John 3:2-3)

 **Blessing**