



*Welcome to the Fall 2020 Prayer Vigil, beginning at 8:00 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 16 until 8:00 pm on Thursday, Sept. 17. We invite you to use this prayer resource as a guide for your time with Jesus.*

The resource begins with an **Explanation and Guidance for Listening Prayer** to prepare your heart for listening to Jesus.

Next you will find an opening **Prayer of Lament**, and **Scripture and Prayer on Unity**.

Finally, we have suggestions of Scripture and Prayers divided into timeframes within the 24-hour vigil. The timeframes are:

- Sept. 16, Wed. Evening, 8:00 pm–12:00 am midnight
- Sept. 17, Thurs. Early Morning, 12:00 am midnight–5:00 am
- Sept. 17, Thurs. Morning, 5:00 am–12:00 pm
- Sept. 17, Thurs. Afternoon, 12:00–5:00 pm
- Sept. 17, Thurs. Evening, 5:00–8:00 pm

# Listening Prayer

## ***What is Listening Prayer?***

Listening Prayer centers around a clear request for God's guidance. In making our request, we give God's guidance & authority over the other voices we hear throughout our daily lives. Then we hit the pause button. We wait on God in times of silence, giving the Lord the opportunity to speak to us. We focus our time of prayer on intentional, purposeful listening, and let God do the talking.

## ***How do I practice Listening Prayer?***

There is no right or wrong way to practice Listening Prayer, but if you need some help quieting the other thoughts in your head, try the following...

<p><b>1. Come to God with your request for guidance.</b></p> <p><i>Prayer Suggestion: Father, I come to you in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son. I am seeking wisdom for _____ (insert your request). In the name of Jesus, I ask that any thoughts not from You or Your Holy Spirit are removed from my mind and that You protect me as I sit in Your presence. I submit my thoughts and own voice to Your obedience. I ask, Father, that only Your Holy Spirit will speak to me now as I wait on You for wisdom, insight, and direction. And whatever You show me or direct me to do, I pray that I will quickly obey. In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.</i></p>	<p><b>2. Wait in silence (10-12 minutes) for God to speak.</b></p>
<p><b>3. Jot down any Scriptures, songs, impressions, or pictures that God gives you.</b></p>	<p><b>4. Share with your family and friends how God spoke to you and follow God's will.</b></p>

# Lament and Unity

## Prayer of Lament:

O God, come to our assistance! O Lord, make haste to help us.

## Scripture about Unity:

### Ephesians 4:1-6

*As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

## Prayer for Unity:

*God, we need You. Some days feel so broken and uncertain. We're hurting, we're struggling, and we're aware, more than ever, of our own weaknesses, and of the dark forces that constantly surround us, fighting to gain ground in our lives and families. We choose to stand our ground today and say, "no more." We ask for Your help to set aside our differences and look to the greater cause, the cause of Christ. We ask that You would help us to truly live a life of love. We ask that You surround this country and cover us with Your mighty hand. We pray for unity in our land, that in spite of our differences, we would be willing to stand strong together and live out our days with compassion and grace. Remind us to live aware, to redeem the time, listen to Your words, and be willing to make a difference in this land. Give us courage to speak out. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

# Wed., Sept. 16

Wed. Evening | 8:00 pm–12:00 am

## Scriptures:

### Matthew 17:6-8

*When the disciples heard this, they were overwhelmed with fear and threw themselves down with their faces to the ground. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," He said. "Do not be afraid." When they looked up, all they saw was Jesus alone.*

### Psalm 95:6-7

*Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.*

### Psalm 18:28

*You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light.*

## Prayer:

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what You love,  
And do what You would do.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with You I will one will,  
To do and to endure.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with Your fire divine.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So I will never die,  
But live with You  
The perfect life Of Your eternity.*

**-Edwin Hatch**

# Thurs., Sept. 17

Thurs. Early Morning | 12:00 am–5:00 am

## Scriptures:

### 1 Samuel 3:10

*Then the Lord came and stood nearby, calling as he had previously done, "Samuel! Samuel!" Samuel replied, "Speak, for your servant is listening!"*

### James 4:8

*Come near to God and He will come near to you.*

### Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.*

*Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.*

*He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;*

*I will be exalted among the nations,*

*I will be exalted in the earth."*

*The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

## Prayer:

*Lord, we are hurting. The uncertainty over the future can easily fill our minds with fear and bring huge burdens to our hearts. We thank You that You are close and that You are always with us. We pray for Your healing over our country and our world. We pray for Your huge grace to encircle us as never before. We ask for Your angels of protection and comfort to surround us. We ask for Your powerful and mighty Spirit to fill and work in every circumstance. We pray that You would continue to draw us close to You, reveal Your heart to us, show us what burdens You, and lead us to pray with the guidance of Your Spirit. Thank You that You are our Redeemer and You will never waste anything we experience. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

# Thurs., Sept. 17

Thurs. Morning | 5:00 am–12:00 pm

## Scriptures:

### 1 Kings 19:11-13

*The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord. Look, the Lord is ready to pass by." A very powerful wind went before the Lord, digging into the mountain and causing landslides, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the windstorm there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake, there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. After the fire there was a soft whisper. When Elijah heard it, he covered his face with his robe and went out and stood at the entrance to the cave. Suddenly a voice asked him, "Why are you here, Elijah?"*

### Psalm 57:5, 7-8

*Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Your glory be over all the earth.  
My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music.  
Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.*

### Psalm 23

*The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
He leads me beside quiet waters, He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the  
right paths for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head  
with oil; my cup overflows. Surely Your goodness and love will follow me all the  
days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

## Prayers:

*Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit up, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen. –Saint Patrick*

*Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, You have brought us in safety to this new day.  
Preserve us with Your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by  
adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of Your purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen.*

# Thurs., Sept. 17

Thurs. Afternoon | 12:00 pm–5:00 pm

## Scriptures:

### John 17:20

*I am not praying only on their behalf, but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their testimony, that they will all be one, just as You, Father, are in me and I am in You. I pray that they will be in us, so that the world will believe that You sent me.*

### Psalm 28:7

*The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise Him.*

### Psalm 66:20

*Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld His love from me!*

## Prayers:

*Dear Father God, thank You for Your unfailing love for me, Your blessings, and goodness. Thank You for Your faithfulness to guide me and see me through times of uncertainty, for lifting me up, and setting me on high. Thank You for Scripture that comforts and reminds me of Your promises, plan, and provision. Thank You for taking away my fears and worries, the what-ifs, and reminding me that my help comes from You. Help me be a good steward and to sow wisely. In Christ's name, Amen. —Renee Davis*

*Grant that all may be one as You, Spirit, with the Father and Son are one God, one Lord. Grant unity to the Body of Christ; grant unity to the human family. Sole Breath of every living thing, may all be one who, in You, live and move and have their being. Amen. —Bishop Carl Moeddel*

# Thurs., Sept. 17

Thurs. Evening | 5:00 pm–8:00 pm

## Scriptures:

### Psalm 121:5-6

*The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand;  
the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.*

### Psalm 61:1-5

*Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.*

*From the ends of the earth I call to You, I call as my heart grows faint;  
lead me to the Rock that is higher than I.*

*For You have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe.*

*I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of Your wings.*

*For you, God, have heard my vows;*

*You have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.*

### 2 Corinthians 13:11

*Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice, set things right, be encouraged, agree with one another,  
live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.*

## Prayers:

*In essentials Unity, in non-essentials Liberty, in all things Love. Amen.*

*Loving Lord and Heavenly Father, thank You that You are always there for me and that You  
have promised never to leave me nor to forsake me. Father, there are an increasing number of  
evils in the world that can cause our hearts to fear, but I know that You have promised to be  
with me, to protect, and to defend, even to the end of the age.*

*Place Your hand of protection over me I pray, and cover those that I love with Your peace  
and grace, comfort, and hope. Help me to trust You in all things, and may I never forget that  
no matter what happens in this life You have promised to be my Protector and Provider, my  
Rock and my Shield of defense.*

*Let me sleep soundly tonight I pray, and keep the looming shadows of darkness and fear far  
from my heart. This I ask in Jesus' name, Amen.*