

Our theme for September
is
Giving time to God

“Behold I stand at the door and knock”

SUNDAY September 1st: Psalm 42

Consider the people who have influenced you in your faith. What was it that they did, or said, that made the difference? Give thanks for them in your prayers, and ask God how you could do the same for someone else.

Monday September 2nd: Psalm 119

Pray for local people in the parish and community in which you live who are struggling with finance, relationships or unemployment.

Tuesday September 3rd: Ephesians 5

How can you make the best use of the time you can offer to God? Do you need to change some things? Would training or additional learning help? Offer your thoughts to God today in your prayers.

Wednesday September 4th: Revelation 3

Jesus knocks on the door of people’s lives because He wants to come in to their hearts and be a living and loving presence each day. Pray for those who do not want to open the door and are closed to his love.

Thursday September 5th: 1 John 3

Consider the news stories at the moment that are about people in need. Who are the people who could change this situation? Pray for them, asking God to touch their hearts.

Friday September 6th: John 20

What an incredible sight it must have been to have Jesus standing in front of you following his resurrection! Who are the people you hope will understand this incredible moment and turn to him in faith and love? Pray for them today.

Saturday September 7th: Titus 1

Think of the people you know who give their time freely, without counting the cost, and give thanks for them today.

SUNDAY September 8th: Galatians 2
Jesus gave his life for all of us. This was the ultimate sacrifice. What can we do to show him how much we love him?

Monday September 9th: John 6
Pray today for people who are trying to work out who, or what, they believe in. Pray that they will find help and support from the right people, at the right time.

Tuesday September 10th: 2 Corinthians 2
Pray for people who share the Good News of the Gospel in their community through the work they do, and the actions they take.

Wednesday September 11th: Psalm 20
Trusting in God, and in his plans for you is a mark of faith. What do you need to trust God with at the moment? Tell him about this in your prayers today.

Thursday September 12th: Ecclesiastes 3
There is a time for everything, whether that is working, resting, studying, cleaning or shopping. There is also a time to be still, to make time for God. In your prayers today give thanks for the time you offer to him.

Friday September 13th: Matthew 6
Many people are seeking meaning in their life, some achieve this through relationships, others through work or leisure pursuits. Others are wondering what their life is all about. Pray for those who are confused, uncertain or unsure about the direction that life is taking.

Saturday September 14th: 1 Thessalonians 5
Making time for God can be hard, especially when there are lots of demands on you. But we can combine prayer with lots of other things, such as gardening, ironing or cleaning! Talk with God in prayer as you carry out these tasks, treat him as your confidante and friend, sharing with him all your joys, worries and concerns.

SUNDAY September 15th: Hosea 10
Pray for people who are struggling with their faith, perhaps they have hit hard times and feel God is very distant from them. It is at these times that he is closest, but we can't always feel that, ask that God would strengthen anyone you know in this situation.

Monday September 16th: Matthew 22
Pray for people who are needing encouragement at this time, particularly those who feel they do not deserve to be happy or have success.

Tuesday September 17th: Colossians 4
Making the best use of our time can be a challenge. Life has a habit of getting in the way of study and prayer time. Spend five minutes today in the peace and quiet of your garden, a park or a quiet room and allow yourself to be still and to sense God's presence.

Wednesday September 18th: 2 Timothy 2
Give thanks today for those who stand up for their faith, and are not afraid to share their views and opinions with those outside the church family, even if it means being condemned or derided for their faith.

Thursday September 19th: 2 Timothy 3
Pray for those who work on translating scripture into local languages and dialects. Scripture is the word of God, and having a Bible in your own language helps with understanding and knowledge. Remember the Wycliffe Translators in your prayers today.

Friday September 20th: Psalm 62
Time is a cherished gift. Sometimes it is too slow, other times it goes too fast. Pray for people you know for whom time is a pressing issue at the moment.

Saturday September 21st: Philippians 4
Even when we are at our lowest ebb, and feel that the world and our situation is against us, we can be sure of God's love, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Spend time today sharing with Jesus how you feel today – what are the good things? What are the challenges? Speak with him, just like you would to a trusted friend.

SUNDAY September 22nd: Psalm 46
"Be still and know, that I am God". If you can, why not lie on your bed, or sit in a chair, and focus on this Psalm, asking God to draw very close to you today.

Monday September 23rd: James 1
We are reminded in this reading about being slow to anger and swift to hear. Take a look at the news stories at the moment and pray for those who are angry, and are not listening to other people.

Tuesday September 24th: Job 23
Who do you treasure in life? Pray for them today. Who treasures you? Give thanks for them in your prayers, and know that Jesus treasures you deeply, so much so that He died on the cross for you.

Wednesday September 25th: Psalm 90
Time can be a healer for some situations, although the passage of time can also bring more anguish or pain for others. Share your thoughts with God in prayer today, seeking peace in your heart.

Thursday September 26th: Psalm 42
In the hymn "As the deer pants for the water" there are the words "so my soul longs after you". Pray for those who are longing for Jesus to come into their life, may they know his presence and his peace.

Friday September 27th: Matthew 26
Jesus was frustrated by his disciples falling asleep when he had urged them to stay awake. What are the frustrations you see around you? Pray for them today.

Saturday September 28th: John 3
Pray for the organisations across the world who share the Gospel message in action – groups such as Christian Aid, Water Aid, and the Barnabas Fund.

SUNDAY September 29th: Jude 1
"Keep yourselves in the love of God" says this chapter. Consider how you do this, and pray for guidance about how this could develop in the future.

Monday September 30th: James 2
Pray for people in our community who do not have the basic resources for living, but are helped by projects such as the Foodbank.