

Davidson RUF Daily Prayer Guide¹

April 29th – May 5th, 2020

Morning Prayer

Opening Praise

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who is the resurrection and the firstborn from the dead.
Alleluia, Christ is risen!
He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise. Psalm 51:5

Hearing the Word of God

Wednesday:	Psalm 134; Exodus 24:1-11; John 21:1-14
Thursday:	Psalm 23; Exodus 2:15b-25; 1 Peter 2:9-12
Friday:	Psalm 23; Exodus 3:16-22; 4:18-20; 1 Peter 2:13-17
Saturday:	Psalm 23; Ezekiel 34:1-16; Luke 15:1-7
Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10
Monday:	Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:17-23; 1 Peter 5:1-5
Tuesday:	Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:23-31; Hebrews 13:20-21

Praying from the Word of God for the Church and the World

Opening

Father of all joy,
help us see that promises of abundant life without you are empty.
Draw us near to you and to one another by your Spirit,
so that we will run to you and find refuge in your family
and together live in constant communion with you,
for in your presence there is fullness of glory and joy forevermore;
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Free prayers

1. Give praise and thanks to God for the greatness of his character and for the magnificent goodness, grace, and glory of all that he has done for us as our Creator and Savior, focusing especially on the particular words and themes that arise from the psalms, other scripture readings, and other prayers.
2. Confess and repent for any sins that God brings to mind, focusing especially on any matters of conviction that arise from the psalms, other scripture readings, and other prayers.
3. Ask God to supply your needs and the needs of the church and the world, focusing especially upon specific requests and needs that come to mind from the particular words and themes from the psalms, other scripture readings, and other prayers. When needs arise from brokenness and pain, take time to lament before God, expressing your hurt, fear, and anger to him freely.

¹ Adapted from Central Presbyterian Church's Prayer Guide (<http://www.centralpres.com/prayer-guides/>) with Scripture readings from the Revised Common Lectionary

Closing

Our Gracious King and Good Shepherd,
drive far from us all wrong desires,
incline our hearts to keep your law,
and guide our feet into the way of peace,
that we may do your will with joy during the day,
and when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks;
through Jesus Christ, our risen and reigning Lord.

The Lord's Prayer (ESV)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come; your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one
For yours is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

Being Sent with God's Blessing

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope. *Romans 15:13*

Evening Prayer

Opening Prayers

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who is the resurrection and the firstborn from the dead.
Alleluia, Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. *Psalm 16:7-8*

Confessing Our Sin

*God of all joy,
you endured the path of suffering in unwavering obedience for the joy of our salvation.
You offer us unconquered joy and strength in the midst of trial and sorrow.
But we grow weary from running the race,
and so we stop looking to Jesus for strength to endure.
We lose sight of your deep joy
while we endure pain and sadness,
and so we find it easier to be cynical.
We live without prayer in unceasing busyness,
and we find that path leads only to anxious fear.
We live without lament,
and so we miss the grace of hope you give
in pouring out our pain to you.
We worry that trials are punishment from you,
or doubt that you will protect and sustain us,
and so we lose touch with the joy of resurrection life in us,
giving us strength to endure today
and bright hope in the weight of glory to come.
Lord, have mercy on us.*

(silent prayers of confession)

Gracious Lord, lead our faltering hearts back to you and restore to us the joy of your salvation. In the furnace of our affliction, show your surpassing power in us and through us by your Holy Spirit so that having your all-sufficiency in all things at all times, we may abound in hope and unconquered joy to the praise of your great glory.

Receiving God's Forgiveness

Look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. *Hebrews 12:2*

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Lord God,
your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,
triumphed over the powers of death
and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem.
We give thanks today for his resurrection;
help us trust you in sleep,
and in the sleep of death,
because we know our protection, provision, and destiny is sure
in that eternal city
where we will live and reign with you forever and ever.

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