

***Praying
Through the
Bible...***

Streetsville United Church

Summer Reading series 2025

Sunday, June 29 – Saturday, August 30

Word

I who live by words, am wordless when
I try my words in prayer. All language turns
To silence. Prayer will take my words and then
Reveal their emptiness. The stilled voice learns
To hold its peace, to listen with the heart
To silence that is joy, is adoration.
The self is shattered, all words torn apart
In this strange patterned time of contemplation
That, in time, breaks time, breaks words, breaks me,
And then, in silence, leaves me healed and mended.
I leave, returned to language, for I see
Through words, even when all words are ended.
I, who live by words, am wordless when
I turn me to the Word to pray. Amen

- Madeleine L'Engle, *The Weather of the Heart*, p. 60

Week 1 – June 29-July 5

Prayers of the Matriarchs & Patriarchs of Genesis

- Sunday - **Genesis 3:8-13**
First dialogue between human and God about the first human

- Monday - **Genesis 4:25-26**
At that time people began invoking the name of the Lord.

- Tuesday - **Genesis 14:17-20**
The priest-king Melchizidek blesses Abram

- Wednesday - **Genesis 16:7-13**
God saves Hagar in the wilderness

- Thursday - **Genesis 24:10-15**
The servant of Abraham prays for a wife for Isaac

- Friday - **Genesis 32:9-12**
Jacob prays before meeting his brother Esau

- Saturday - **Gen. 48:15-16**
Jacob/Israel blesses the sons of Joseph

“Prayer keeps the heart open to God, shut to sin.”

Thomas Watson, Puritan, 1680-1686

Week 2 – July 6-July 13

Prayers of the Law (Exodus-Deuteronomy)

- **Sunday – Exodus 8:8-15**
Pharaoh asks Moses to pray to end the plague of frogs
- **Monday – Exodus 15:1-21**
Moses' and Miriam's songs of the sea
- **Tuesday – Leviticus 26:40-45**
God promises to restore sinful people who confess their sins
- **Wednesday – Numbers 6:22-27**
The priestly blessing
- **Thursday – Numbers 11:10-15**
Moses complains to God about the burdens of leadership
- **Friday – Deuteronomy 3:23-29**
Moses asks permission to cross the River Jordan and God denies him
- **Saturday – Deuteronomy 9:25-29**
Moses intercedes for the sinful Israelites

“Prayer is the new gracious, lasting will of the soul united and fast-bound to the will of God by the precious and mysterious working of the Holy Ghost.”

Julian of Norwich, 1342-1416

Week 3– July 13-July 19

Prayers of the Judges and Monarchs (Joshua – 2 Chronicles)

- **Sunday – Joshua 10: 12-14**
Joshua prays for the sun and moon to stand still)
- **Monday – Judges 5: 1,31**
Deborah’s song of victory.
- **Tuesday – 1 Samuel 3: 10**
Young Samuel speaks with God)
- **Wednesday – 2 Samuel 7: 18-29**
King David prays to God
- **Thursday – 1 Kings 8: 22-30**
King Solomon prays at the dedication of the Temple
- **Friday – 2 Kings 6: 15-17**
The prophet Nathan prays for his servant to see the heavenly host
- **Saturday – 2 Chronicles 20: 5-12**
King Jehoshaphat prays to God

“I am certain that thou, God, art true and cast not lie. Enable me to be steadfast in faith, nothing doubting, not because of the merits of my prayer but because of the certainty of thy truth.”

- *Martin Luther 1483-1546*

Week 4 – July 20 – July 26

Prayers of the Prophets (Isaiah-Malachi)

- **Sunday – Isaiah 25: 1-5**
Isaiah praises God
- **Monday – Jeremiah 14: 7-9**
Jeremiah makes a prayer of confession.
- **Tuesday – Ezekiel 3: 55-57**
Ezekiel gains relief from God
- **Wednesday – Joel 1: 19-20**
Joel cries out to God during drought and fire
- **Thursday – Amos 7: 1-6**
Amos prays for mercy for Israel amidst prophetic visions
- **Friday – Jonah 2: 1-10**
Jonah prays in the belly of the great fish
- **Saturday – Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 1:12- 2:1**
Habukkuk prays to God for justice

“Great is your kingdom, O You who bears the weight of the stars
and governs the forces of the world.”

Soren Kierkegard 1813-1858

Week 5– July 13-July 19

Prayers of the Psalms

- Sunday – **Psalm 3**
Prayer for deliverance
- Monday – **Psalm 10**
Prayer for divine justice.
- Tuesday – **Psalm 30**
Prayer of praise and gratitude
- Wednesday – **Psalm 42**
Prayer in the midst of depression
- Thursday – **Psalm 92**
Prayer of praise and wisdom
- Friday – **Psalm 123**
Prayer for mercy
- Saturday – **Psalm 145**
Prayer of praise

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“God is gracious beyond the power of language to describe
Francis Asbury 1745-1816

Week 6 – July 27-August 2

Prayers of Wisdom (Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs)

- Sunday – **Ezra 9: 5-9**
Ezra offers a prayer of confession and thanksgiving
- Monday – **Nehemiah 1: 4-11**
Nehemiah's prayer of confession and petition
- Tuesday – **Nehemiah 5: 19**
Nehemiah's prayer god would remember his good deeds
- Wednesday – **Nehemiah 9: 5**
The call to worship of the Levites
- Thursday – **Job 13: 20-22**
Job's despondent prayer
- Friday – **Job 42: 1-6**
Job responds to God after hearing from God
- Saturday – **Ecclesiastes 5: 1-6**
The teacher instructs about prayer

“Make me mild, peaceable, courteous, and temperate
And make me steadfast and strong”
John Wycliff 1330-1384 1628-1688

Week 7 – August 10 – August 16

Prayers of Jesus (Matthew-John)

- Sunday – **Matthew 6: 7-13**
Jesus teaches about prayer
- Monday – **Matthew 9: 35-38**
Jesus tells his followers to pray for labourers for the spiritual harvest.
- Tuesday – **Mark 9: 14-24**
Jesus heals the son of man who prays for help for his unbelief
- Wednesday – **Mark 14: 32-36**
Jesus prays in Gethsemane
- Thursday – **Luke 2: 25-32**
Simeon's "Nunc dimittis"
- Friday – **Luke 18: 9-14**
Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector who both pray
- Saturday – **John 17: 20-24**
Jesus prays that his followers may be one

"The true believer can no more live without prayer, than
without food day by day."

George Whitefield 1714-1770

Week 8 – August 17-August 23

Prayers of Paul (Romans-Philemon)

- **Sunday – 1 Corinthians 1: 4-9**
Paul's prayer of thanks for the church in Corinth
- **Monday – 2 Corinthians 1:3-4**
Paul blessed God for God's presence among afflicted people.
- **Tuesday – 2 Corinthians 2:14-16**
Thanks God for using challenges to spread the gospel
- **Wednesday – Ephesians 1: 15-19**
Paul prays that the followers of Jesus receive wisdom and revelation
- **Thursday – Philippians 4:4-7**
Paul tells the Jesus-followers to pray with joy and gratitude
- **Friday – Colossians 1: 9-12**
Paul prays for God to give wisdom and knowledge
- **Saturday – 2 Thessalonians 2: 16-17**
Paul prays that Jesus will comfort the believers

"In prayer it is better to have heart without words
than words without heart."

John Bunyan 1628-1688

Week 9 – August 24-August 230

Prayers of the Early Church (Acts-Revelation)

- **Sunday – Acts 4:23-31**
Followers of Jesus pray for boldness after being persecuted
- **Monday – Acts 22:6-10**
Paul describes his prayerful exchange with Jesus.
- **Tuesday – Hebrews 4:16**
Exhortation to boldly approach God in prayer asking for mercy and grace
- **Wednesday – James 1:5-8**
Exhortation to pray for wisdom
- **Thursday – 1 Peter 5:6-7**
Exhortation to humility and giving all anxiety to God
- **Friday – Revelation 5:11-14**
Inhabitants of heaven praise Jesus the Lamb
- **Saturday – Revelation 11:16-19**
Saints in heaven sing a prayer of thanksgiving

“Prayer is not a discourse. It is a form of life, the life with God. That is why it is not confined to the moment of verbal statement.”

Jacque Ellul 1912-1994