

Day 1 – 3, August 6 - 8

**Witness** - Matthew 5 (NLT) <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Prayer – Father, may my life, our lives, at Gunterville First be a true reflection of your life, love, grace, and holiness for all the community and world to see. May our good deeds point to you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Salvation** - John 3 <sup>17</sup>God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

Prayer – Father, thank you that Jesus came that the world might be saved. I ask you to save \_\_\_\_\_. Send your Spirit and your people to \_\_\_\_\_ that he/she might open his/her heart to you. In Jesus’ name, amen.

**General Conference 2019** - Psalm 37 (NLT)

<sup>5</sup>Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you.

Prayer - Father, may we give General Conference 2019 into your holy hands. We will trust you with the discussion and decisions made there. You, oh Lord, will help us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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Day 4 – 6, August 9 - 11

**Witness** – Mark 16 (NLT) <sup>15</sup>And then he told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. <sup>16</sup>Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.

Prayer – Lord, may our lives and our lips proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to everyone. May many believe and be saved. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Salvation** – Psalm 80 <sup>19</sup>Turn us again to yourself, O LORD God of Heaven’s Armies. Make your face shine down upon us. Only then will we be saved.

Prayer – Father, it is by your initiative that we are called to repentance and turn to you in repentance. May your face shine on \_\_\_\_\_ that he/she might open his/her heart to you. In Jesus’ name, amen.

**General Conference 2019** - Acts 20 (NLT) <sup>28</sup>“So guard yourselves and God’s people. Feed and shepherd God’s flock—his church, purchased with his own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as leaders.

Prayer - Lord, the leaders of the United Methodist Church have been given a great responsibility. They are called to feed and shepherd the church which was purchased with the blood of Christ. May their decisions and their direction for the church be a reflection of your heart, mind, and will. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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Day 7-9, August 12-14

**Witness** – Luke 12 (NLT) <sup>8</sup>“I tell you the truth, everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, the Son of Man will also acknowledge in the presence of God’s angels. <sup>9</sup>But anyone who denies me here on earth will be denied before God’s angels.

Prayer - Lord, you have openly claimed us as your own through faith in Jesus Christ. May we without hindrance or reluctance acknowledge Jesus as Lord and Savior of our lives before a lost and dying world. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Salvation** - Jeremiah 17:14 Heal me, O LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.

Prayer – Father, you are the healer of heart and soul. You are our salvation. Save \_\_\_\_\_ and he/she will be saved, and we will praise your name. In Jesus’ name, amen.

**General Conference** - James 4:10 (NLT)

<sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.

Prayer – One of the great and necessary characteristics of a great leader is humility. May our Bishops, General Conference Leaders, and delegates to General Conference humble themselves before you and give you the opportunity to lift them up. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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Day 10 – 12, August 15-17

**Witness** - Psalm 96 (NLT) <sup>2</sup>Sing to the Lord; praise his name. Each day proclaim the good news that he saves. <sup>3</sup>Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.

Prayer – God, may we sing praise to your holy name. May our lips speak the Good News of Jesus Christ every day. May we be intentional about telling everyone of the amazing things you do. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Salvation** - John 3 <sup>16</sup>“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

Prayer – Father, show \_\_\_\_\_ your great love and grant him/her your salvation. In Jesus’ name, amen.

**General Conference** - Jeremiah 29 (NLT) <sup>11</sup>For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

Prayer – God, giver of all good gifts, give to our leaders your plan of hope for the future of the United Methodist Church. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

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Day 13-15, August 18-20

**Witness** - 1 Peter 3 (NLT) <sup>15</sup> Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. <sup>16</sup> But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ.

Prayer – Lord, I pray that people see and experience the hope of my life Jesus Christ as they interact with me. May I have grace-filled words to explain to them the hope I have in Christ. May any false or hateful words shared about me fall harmlessly at my feet. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Salvation - Titus 2 <sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. Prayer – Father, you have revealed your grace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Salvation has been brought to all humankind. Give Bill Goodwin the grace and humility to receive your grace and your salvation. In Jesus' name, amen.

**General Conference** - Proverbs 11 (NLT) <sup>14</sup> Without wise leadership, a nation falls; there is safety in having many advisers.

Prayer – God, we pray that the leadership of the United Methodist Church will have the wisdom of God. May they seek your heart and mind and Spirit for the knowledge, wisdom, and understanding they need to lead us today and into tomorrow. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Day 16-18, August 21-23

**Witness** - 2 Timothy 1 (NLT) <sup>7</sup> For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. <sup>8</sup> So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord.

Prayer – Lord, you have given me a spirit of power, love, and a sound mind. May I be quick and courageous in sharing my faith and in being a witness of the life of Jesus Christ. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Salvation** - Hebrews 2 <sup>3</sup> So what makes us think we can escape if we ignore this great salvation that was first announced by the Lord Jesus himself and then delivered to us by those who heard him speak?

Prayer – Father, I know there are those who have shared Jesus with \_\_\_\_\_ and live a godly life in front of him/her every day. Continue to send godly people his/her way. Give \_\_\_\_\_ the humility to receive your grace and your salvation. In Jesus' name, amen.

**General Conference** – Romans 8:28 (NLT) <sup>28</sup> And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Prayer – We know that you will cause everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to your purpose. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Day 19-21, August 24-26

**Witness** - John 20 (NLT) <sup>21</sup> Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you."

Prayer – Father, Jesus has us into the world to testify about him just as you sent him into the world to tell the world about you. May we do Jesus and you justice in fulfilling that command. May we go in the power of Holy Spirit and represent Christ and you, Lord, in a manner worthy of your name. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Salvation - John 6 <sup>40</sup> For it is my Father's will that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life. I will raise them up at the last day."

Prayer – Father, your will is our salvation. Show \_\_\_\_\_ your great love and grant him / her your salvation. Give \_\_\_\_\_ a heart that believes. In Jesus' name, amen.

**General Conference** - John 3 (NLT) <sup>30</sup> He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.

Prayer – Lord, our goal as a believer and as a church is to become less and less that Christ may become more and more. May it be so. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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# 21 Days of Prayer

August 2018

For 21 days in August, I invite you to join me in a season of focused prayer for three specific things: witness, salvation, and the upcoming General Conference 2019. Since faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17), I am providing scripture references for each prayer focus. I will change them occasionally along the way as to expand our scriptural base for prayer. A great way to pray is to make a scripture passage personal to our situation. I will provide examples for that as well. For salvation, I will provide a blank space for you to insert the name of a person who does not know Jesus. Again, the prayer focus will be the same for all 21 days. The scriptures and example prayers associated with each prayer focus will change every 4 days.

Please join me in prayer for:

1. The courage to live a Christ-centered life at home, in the community, and in the world.
2. Salvations – with follow-up
3. Called General Conference 2019 – the future of the UMC

Loving being your pastor,

Ricky