



Summer Reading Program

How to Use this Program

We are excited that you are joining us for this year's Eastside Church of Christ summer reading program. This reading program was developed with our 2025 theme of "Rhythms" in mind. This year, we are discussing different spiritual disciplines and finding ways to implement them in our lives to that we can become more in step with God each day. Our goal, then, with this program, was to assume that the participant has never been a daily Bible reader and create an easy access point into developing the habit. Here's how it works:

Each day you will have a new section to read from the Bible that fits the theme for the week. These verse sections follow a pattern:

Sunday – Section from the Psalms of Ascent

Monday – Section from the Law

Tuesday – Section from the Prophets

Wednesday – Section from Jesus/Gospels

Thursday – Section from History/Wisdom

Friday – Section from the New Testament (outside of the Gospels)

Saturday – Section from anywhere, with regard to worship

The goal is to take the reader the theme for the week (Monday-Friday) and prep the reader for worship (Sunday and Saturday). At the end of each week (Friday/Saturday) there are **discussion questions** that corresponds to the different readings as well as a **prayer thought**.

Whether reading on your own, with your family, or with a group from church, we hope that you find this summer reading program useful in growing your walk with God.

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Faithfulness (June 1-June 7)

Sunday – Psalm 121:1-8
Monday – Deuteronomy 32:1-9
Tuesday – Zechariah 8:1-8
Wednesday – Luke 1:67-79
Thursday – Psalm 89:1-14
Friday – 2 Timothy 2:8-13
Saturday – 1 Chronicles 16:23-31

Discussion Questions:

- 1) What does it mean to God is faithful to His people?
- 2) How should we live knowing that God is true to His word?
- 3) Why do you think God is faithful to His people?

Prayer Thought:

Lord, we thank you for your faithfulness. You keep Your promises, and provide us a secure place of trust. God, we know that you will continue to work for our good and bring about what we need. We thank you for your ultimate showing of faithfulness towards us, the sacrifice of your son Jesus.

Godliness (June 8-June 14)

Sunday – Psalm 122:1-9
Monday - Exodus 34:1-10
Tuesday - Isaiah 40:25-31
Wednesday - Matthew 5:43-48
Thursday - Job 38:1-15
Friday - 2 Corinthians 1:3-7
Saturday – John 4:21-24

Discussion Questions:

- 1) What characteristics of God do you most appreciate?
- 2) What characteristics of God are hardest for you to imitate?

Prayer Thought:

Lord, we thank you for who you are. We thank you for your character and how you interact with us. We pray that we would appreciate your character more and more each day, as we study, as we pray, as we interact with your world, and as we spend time with your people.

Heaven (June 15-June 21)

Sunday – Psalm 123:1-4

Monday - Genesis 28:10-17

Tuesday - Isaiah 6:1-8

Wednesday - John 14:1-7

Thursday - Psalm 73:23-28

Friday - Revelation 21:9-23

Saturday – Psalm 99:1-9

Discussion Questions:

- 1) What excites you most about heaven?
- 2) How does the Bible describe heaven?
- 3) In what ways should your heavenly home affect your way of life here?

Prayer Thought:

Father, we thank you for the hopeful expectation we have of eternal life with you. We thank you for a future free from sin and its consequences, and in perfect lock-step with you. We pray that our hopeful future translates into present action in your kingdom.

Endurance (June 22-June 28)

Sunday – Psalm 124:1-8

Monday - Exodus 17:8-13

Tuesday - Jeremiah 17:5-10

Wednesday - Luke 21:12-19

Thursday - Job 23:1-14

Friday - Romans 5:1-6

Saturday – Revelation 4:8-11

Discussion Questions:

- 1) When the going gets tough, what keeps you going?
- 2) What makes endurance difficult?
- 3) What awaits those who endure?

Prayer Thought:

God, help us when times are difficult. Sometimes, our days are hard, trials pressure us, and we suffer defeats. Help us to get back up, trust in You, look to the example of Jesus, and keep going. We thank you for your presence with us no matter what we're dealing with.

Peace (June 29-July 5)

Sunday – Psalm 125:1-5

Monday – Deuteronomy 27:1-7

Tuesday – Isaiah 9:6-7
Wednesday – Mark 4:35-41
Thursday – Proverbs 3:13-18
Friday - Ephesians 2:13-18
Saturday – Psalm 29:1-11

Discussion Questions:

- 1) Based on these texts, what brings us peace?
- 2) Aside from the theme of peace, what are some other themes throughout these verses?

Prayer Thought:

Lord, we pray that you help us to find peace through your word and the wisdom it shares with us. We pray also, that we find peace through the actions of Jesus in His life, death, resurrection, and eventual return. Help us to trust in your promises and find peace in their fulfillment. Finally, Lord, we pray that your peace would radiate throughout our personal lives, in our homes, and through our actions.

Grace (July 6-July 12)

Sunday – Psalm 126:1-6
Monday – Genesis 50:15-21
Tuesday – Zechariah 12:7-10
Wednesday – John 1:14-18
Thursday – Psalm 86:6-13
Friday – Ephesians 2:1-10
Saturday – Hebrews 12:25-29

Discussion Questions:

- 1) In your own words, what is grace?
- 2) How does grace change the way that we live?

Prayer Thought:

Father, we thank you for your grace. We thank you for giving us a gift we did not deserve. We pray for appreciative hearts and grateful living in light of your grace. We thank you for loving us so much that you would send your Son, Jesus to die for us.

Love (July 13-July 19)

Sunday – Psalm 128:1-6
Monday – Genesis 22:12-18
Tuesday – Lamentations 3:20-25
Wednesday – John 3:16-21

Thursday – Proverbs 3:3-12

Friday – 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

Saturday – Judges 7:15-18

Discussion Questions:

- 1) What are the similarities between Genesis 22 and John 3?
- 2) What does it mean that God loves us? How is that love defined?

Prayer Thought:

Father, thank you for your love of us. Thank you for loving us so deeply that you provided a way for us to be cleansed from our sins and united to you. We thank you for your Son, Jesus, the ultimate expression of that love. We pray that we would live lives that reflect that love of us to others every day.

Self-Control (July 20-July 26)

Sunday – Psalm 129:1-8

Monday – Genesis 4:1-7

Tuesday – Isaiah 55:6-11

Wednesday – Luke 9:23-26

Thursday – Proverbs 25:21-28

Friday – Galatians 5:16-24

Saturday – Romans 12:1-8

Discussion Questions:

- 1) How can we become more self-controlled?
- 2) Why is it hard to be self-controlled?
- 3) What kind of things tempt you the most?

Prayer Thought:

God, we thank you for the different way of living that you call us to live. We thank you for the new life made available by your Spirit. We pray that you would help us to fight through trials and temptations, and not give into sin, but instead control our thoughts and behaviors and behave how you have created us to behave.

Joy (July 27-August 2)

Sunday – Psalm 130:1-8

Monday – Deuteronomy 16:13-15

Tuesday – Jeremiah 31:10-14

Wednesday – Matthew 2:7-11

Thursday – 1 Chronicles 16:26-34

Friday – 2 Corinthians 7:2-7

Saturday – 2 Chronicles 29:25-30

Discussion Questions:

- 1) What robs you of your joy?
- 2) What do you find joy in? What does it mean to be joyful?
- 3) How can we stay joyful when things are hard?

Prayer Thought:

God, we thank you for joy and the ability to see outside the problems we are in and look to the good that you have done and are doing. We thank you for all the different ways you bring joy into our lives and that we can live with our head held high even when the world tries to bring us down.

Patience (August 3-August 9)

Sunday – Psalm 131:1-3

Monday – Numbers 14:11-23, 30-31

Tuesday – Daniel 10:2-14

Wednesday – Matthew 20:20-28

Thursday – Psalm 37:1-11

Friday – 2 Peter 3:8-18

Saturday – Ephesians 4:1-6

Discussion Questions:

- 1) How has God been patient with His people, and how does He continue to be patient with us?
- 2) How can we be patient in prayer?
- 3) How should we be patient with evil in the world?

Prayer Thought:

Lord be patient with me when my faith waivers. Be my strength that I might stand against temptation, and teach me to be patient with others. Give me the conviction to be patient in prayer, like Daniel, who prayed for weeks. And help me to be patient with evildoers in this world, not exacting judgment or revenge, but patiently waiting for You.

Hope (August 10-August 16)

Sunday – Psalm 132:11-18

Monday – Genesis 8:6-12

Tuesday – Lamentations 3:21-26

Wednesday – Luke 2:8-20

Thursday – Psalm 119:73-80

Friday – Romans 5:1-5

Saturday – Philippians 3:17-21

Discussion Questions:

- 1) What kind of world did Noah expect to find when he eventually stepped off the ark? For what did Noah hope when he sent a raven, then a dove, from the ark?
- 2) Jeremiah is known as the weeping prophet. He experienced deep dismay at the depravity of God's people; yet he had hope. When reading Lamentations, what was the source of Jeremiah's hope?
- 3) The wages of sin is death. This statement is a quote from the Bible, but it is incomplete. Paul wrote this, and he wrote the passage we read on Friday from Romans 5. In the face of judgment for sin, what is the source of our hope as Christians?

Prayer Thought:

Lord, in the beginning, you created us in your image and gave us dominion over this world. When we transgressed your law, you paid the price, giving your Son for us. I believe this life is not the end. I believe you keep your promises. And I know I cannot be righteous on my own. My only hope is you. Your steadfast love never ceases; your mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. You, Lord, are my portion; therefore, I will hope in you.

Righteousness (August 17-August 23)

Sunday – Psalm 133:1-3

Monday – Genesis 15:1-6

Tuesday – Jonah 3:1-10

Wednesday – Matthew 5:1-12

Thursday – 1 Samuel 24:3-17

Friday – 1 Peter 3:8-22

Saturday – Revelation 15:1-4

Discussion Questions:

- 1) Abraham believed God, and God counted it to him as righteousness. David had opportunity to kill King Saul but spared him, and Saul counted it to David as righteousness. In light of these descriptions of righteousness, does this change or broaden your understanding of what it means to be righteous?
- 2) Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, and Peter, in his first letter, write of the blessings of being persecuted for righteousness' sake. How does persecution and suffering affect your commitment to righteous living?

3) After attempting to run from God, Jonah fulfilled his calling and preached repentance to Ninevah. The king of Ninevah proclaimed and required repentance from the people. God saw what they did and relented from destroying them. Were the Ninevites righteous?

Prayer Thought –

Lord, I confess that I am sinful, and I ask for your forgiveness. Bless me with wisdom and guidance to make decisions according to your will. Help me to see things from your perspective and to choose the path that is most pleasing to you. I put on the breastplate of righteousness and trust in your power.

Faith (August 24-August 30)

Sunday – Psalm 134:1-3

Monday – Exodus 34:1-7

Tuesday – Ezekiel 18:5-9

Wednesday – Matthew 14:22-33

Thursday – Daniel 3:16-28

Friday – James 2:14-26

Saturday – Hebrews 11:17-22

Discussion Questions:

- 1) In Exodus 34, the Lord proclaimed His own faithfulness to Moses. Based on your own life, how has God been faithful?
- 2) In Matthew 14, Jesus and Peter walked on water. In Daniel 3, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego are thrown into a massive fire. How are the outcomes of these two events different and why?
- 3) Do your choices and actions display your faith? How is your faith completed by your works (James 2:22)?

Prayer Thought:

Lord, please grant me strength to remain steadfast in my faith, even when facing difficult circumstances. Help me to trust in Your promises and believe in Your power to overcome all obstacles. Grant me the courage to face my fears and the wisdom to discern Your will in all things.

August 31

Sunday – Psalm 135:1-7