

Praying as David did in Psalm 19:12 and 139:23-24 does several things for our walk with our Father. It helps us stay humble, reminding us that we will never be perfect here and always have room to grow. It reminds us of Jesus' grace and how we're dependent on it every day. It helps us to be dependent on God every day for our growth. His goal for us isn't just to make it to Heaven, it's for us to become like Christ (Romans 8:29). When we ask God to help us do so, we start to see opportunities for growth and change every time we open the Word. We start to be conscientious of habits and actions that need to be replaced as we go about our days. In short, we'll see God's hand in our lives over and over as we pray. ~Jack Wilkie

Suggested Items to bring next week for the Mountain States Children's Home:

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| Refried Beans | Disposable Razors | Gal & Qt Ziploc bags |
| Ranch Dressing | Mouthwash` | Dishwasher Detergent |
| 2 lbs bags of Flour
(sized for storage) | | Clorox Beach |

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Meeting Times:

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| Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am | Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm |
| Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am | Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm |

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Open Congregational meeting – 2nd Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome

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Psalm 95

Vs 1-3 **“O come, Let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanks giving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.”** God is worthy to be worshipped! The more we recognize how great God is, the more we realize how sinful we are! We should be ever so **thankful** for Who He is and what He has done for us!

Vs 4-6 **“In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.”** God made everything! Nothing is ours! **Nothing!** Are we willing to **bow down** before him? Are we willing to **kneel** before the Lord? The only way we will ever **bow** and **kneel** is if we **humble ourselves!** No one who feels that he is worthy can be humble. Only the one who knows that he is unworthy can kneel and bow!

Vs 7-11 **For he is our God: and we are the sheep of his hand. Today if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.**

When Moses led the people out of Egypt, they saw the powerful works of God, and yet they **hardened their hearts.** They were not **humbled.** We may ask, “How could that happen?” These people witnessed God send the ten plagues and part the Red Sea. They saw God come down on Mount Sinai in the form of a cloud, and they heard his voice speak! How could they harden their hearts and not believe they could conquer Canaan Land with God's help? They were punished for their disbelief!

Jesus said, **“Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”** (Matthew 11:28). Today the same question can be asked. “How can people harden their hearts when they **know** that Jesus is coming back? People are the same! God is also still the same! He **still** says, **“I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.”** ~David Conley

9“Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in days of old, the generations of long ago. Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces, who pierced the dragon? 10Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep, who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to pass over? 11And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. (Psalm 51:9-11)

Keep These Dates in Mind	September Birthdays and Anniversaries	
Since we have entered into this time of uncertainty with those in the government asking us to keep our assemblies to a minimum and to use caution and discretion as we meet, any activities that may be planned will be announced in a timely fashion a week before they are planned to happen and will be put out on the call multiplier.	Craig & Debra Bolt 9/1 Janette Petty 9/13 Jack Danley 9/18 Lonna Rau 9/29	

Please come and join us in our worship to God. Sunday mornings we are studying in Joshua.

Please be respectful of those who need to wear masks and practice social distancing because of health issues in their family.

Bible Studies

Adult Bible Classes Sunday a - O.T. Sunday p -Colossians Wed p -Thessalonians	Youth Classes Classroom Wing Teen Class - Teen Room	Ladies Class Cancelled until further notice
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Those with on-going health issues:

Pansy Caywood Shirley Childers Marilyn Davis Sandy Gray Bill & Fran Henniger Bonnie Johnson Linda Laferty	Pat Lindsay Karen McBurney Lupe Mendoza Shannon Mendoza Tami Pennington Eunice Petros Helen Pierce
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Bill Henniger had surgery on his foot to remove two toes. His fourth and fifth digits were removed. He was transferred to Trios to have some cleanup done on the wound and so he could continue dialysis. Please keep Fran and Bill in your prayers.

Our Ministries

Mountain States Children's Home

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27)

Peru Ministry - Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the son and of the Holy Spirit

Food Pantry - Our food pantry is located in the small room next to the library.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." (Proverbs 19:17)

Pray Persistently

"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving" (Colossians 4:2). Christians are to pray always for themselves and for other, including rulers. They pray for other Christians and non-Christians, too. The apostle Paul prayed for the Colossian Christians thusly, **"We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you"** (Colossians 1:3). People in authority must not be left out of our prayers. Indeed, we must always remember them in our prayers, so **"that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence"** (1 Timothy 2:2).

Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit *do not pray* for anyone, but they *intercede* on our behalf according to our prayers (Romans 8:26, 34). Prayer is directed **to** God the Father, **through** Christ Jesus and not through the Holy Spirit (John 16:23) or any mortal living or dead. In reading, we do not ask (pray), but rather, in prayer, we ask, we seek and we knock (Matthew 7:7; 1 John 5:14-15).

Jesus devoted a whole parable in Luke 18:1-8 to teach **"that men always ought to pray and not lose heart."** This shows that a single occasion of prayer may not fetch man's desires, and therefore, he needs to continually pray to God through the Son, Jesus Christ, in faith (John 16:23-24). **"And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive"** (Matthew 21:22). Prayer brings amazing results.

Through persistent prayer, uncommon blessings are obtained. The judge in this parable resembles people in authority (rulers) who should not only execute justice but do so in a timely manner, Unfortunately, many of them have no fear of God and do not regard man and justice. They oppress the widows, poor, needy, orphan, and strangers that God asked to be helped, cared for and loved (Exodus 22:22; Deuteronomy 10:18; 14:29). One of the curses pronounced from mount Ebal is this: "Cursed is the one who perverts the justice due the stranger, the fatherless, and widow..." (Deuteronomy 27:19)

Through unceasing petitions to God, the down-trodden are vindicated. If we faint not in prayer, we shall receive. Writing to the Romans, the apostle Paul taught, **"Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer"** (Romans 12:12). Be thankful to God in all your prayers. Make your requests known to God through Jesus Christ (Colossians 4:2). "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints" (Ephesians 6:18).

All prayers must have direction. That is, they must have focus. As we pray, we make our petitions or requests known to God (Philippians 4:6), and not by noise or drama by dancing and beating objects around us. Neither should one's prayers be vain repetitions, such as rote prayers (i.e., mechanical, routine memorizations that lack intelligent reflection). "And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him"(Matthew 6:7-8).

The requests of Paul for prayer form brethren have directions as seen in 2 Thessalonian 3:1-2, which reads, "Finally brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith." The Word of God can be hindered and disdained by his needs Our prayers also must be specific, well-defined for our needs. Epaphras prayed fervently that the Colossian Christians might "stand perfect and complete in all the will of God" (Colossians 4:12). The prayer of Epaphras had focus; do always make sure your prayers are focused, too! Pray always; do not be discouraged and wearied. Let your prayer be focused. Pray for other brethren, non-Christians and even rulers. "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).