

Please ask God's Spirit to guide you as you consider these applications:

Give God thanks and praise for what He has done. Say out loud what you are most thankful about in God providing salvation. Describe what Christ accomplished in forgiving you.

Call upon the name of the Lord. We have been given an incredible privilege to call upon God using the name of Christ the Lord. Do so today.

Ground your repentance in the sure promises of Christ. What has God done with our sins? What has He done with their guilt? What will He do with you? How do you know? Will He make it so you are never able to commit such foul offences again? How? When?

Ask God to do what only He can do. Ask Him not only to forgive you, but to purify you, enfold you in His love, delight in you, and make you truly delightful in the splendor of His holiness. Base all of these requests on His unfailing love, in His good pleasure that we have in Christ.

Pray for CTR. We as a community of faith need to live confidently and humbly in the certainty of the gospel. God has empowered us to pray for one another. Pray for one another. Pray especially for the children who came to our summer camps and for the teams from Covenant and Clemson Presbyterian Church for helping us.

Question 76: What is repentance unto life?

“Repentance unto life is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby, out of the sight and sense, not only of the danger, but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins, and upon the apprehension of God's mercy in Christ to such as are penitent, he so grieves for and hates his sins, as that he turns from them all to God, purposing and endeavoring constantly to walk with him in all the ways of new obedience.”



A prayer of an afflicted man.

When he is faint and pours out his lament before the LORD.

- ¹ Hear my prayer, O LORD; let my cry for help come to you.
- ² Do not hide your face from me when I am in distress.
Turn your ear to me; when I call, answer me quickly.
- ³ For my days vanish like smoke; my bones burn like glowing embers.
- ⁴ My heart is blighted and withered like grass; I forget to eat my food.
- ⁵ Because of my loud groaning I am reduced to skin and bones.
- ⁶ I am like a desert owl, like an owl among the ruins.
- ⁷ I lie awake; I have become like a bird alone on a roof.
- ⁸ All day long my enemies taunt me; those who rail against me use *my name* as a curse.
- ⁹ For I eat ashes as my food and mingle my drink with tears
¹⁰ because of your great wrath, for you have taken me up and thrown me aside.
- ¹¹ My days are like the evening shadow; I wither away like grass.
- ¹² **But you, O LORD**, sit enthroned forever;
your renown endures through all generations.
- ¹³ **You will** arise and have compassion on Zion,
for it is time to show favor to her; the appointed time has come.
- ¹⁴ For her stones are dear to your servants; her very dust moves them to pity.
- ¹⁵ The nations will fear the **name of the LORD**,
all the kings of the earth will revere your glory.
- ¹⁶ For the LORD will rebuild Zion and appear in his glory.
- ¹⁷ He will respond to the prayer of the destitute; he will not despise their plea.
- ¹⁸ Let this be written for a future generation,
that a people not yet created may praise the LORD:
- ¹⁹ “The LORD looked down from his sanctuary on high,
from heaven he viewed the earth, ²⁰ to hear the groans of the prisoners
and release those condemned to death.”
- ²¹ So **the name of the LORD** will be declared in Zion and his praise in Jerusalem
- ²² when the peoples and the kingdoms assemble to worship the LORD.
- ²³ In the course of my life he broke my strength; he cut short my days.
- ²⁴ So I said: “Do not take me away, O my God, in the midst of my days;
your years go on through all generations.
- ²⁵ In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
- ²⁶ They will perish, but **you remain**; they will all wear out like a garment.
Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded.
- ²⁷ But **you remain** the same, and your years will never end.
- ²⁸ The children of your servants will live in your presence;
their descendants will be established before you.”

- I. We Have Nothing to Commend Ourselves to God.
- II. We Are to Call Upon the Name of the Lord.
- III. He Hears Us Because of His Promises in Christ.

Memory Verses

“Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:9-11 (NIV)

Taking Gathered Worship Home

It is important to spend some time each day talking to God in prayer and reading the Bible. We want to learn as a community of faith how we are to grieve about our sin and look in repentance and faith to Christ. Please read the indicated passages each day and spend some time reflecting on them and discussing them with others as appropriate.

Sunday, 8/8

Read: Psalm 102:1-28.

Ask yourself or one another: What were the main points of the sermon? How do they apply to us as a congregation? How do they apply to me? What am I going to do about it? How does the repentance of Christ empower us to do so? Review Application.

Sing: *At the Cross* (words in order of worship).

Pray: Ask God to continue conforming us as a congregation to the image of Christ together through biblical repentance and faith.

Monday, 8/9

Read: Genesis 4:17-26; Psalm 102:1-11.

Ask yourself or one another: In whose name are Cain and his descendants interested? What about Seth and his descendants? Why?

Meditate on the memory verse above. Ask God to use these verses to reorient your heart and mind on what Christ has done for us.

Sing: *At the Cross*.

Pray: Ask God to help us to grieve rightly about our sin. Pray that He will allow us confidence in nothing other than the gospel of Christ.

Tuesday, 8/10

Read: Genesis 12:1-9; First Kings 18: 16-40.

Ask yourself or one another: What did Abram do with the altar? Why? Upon whose name did Elijah call? In contrast to what? How did God respond? Why?

Review the memory verses. Work on committing them to memory.

Sing: *At the Cross*.

Pray: “God of heaven, You are gracious to give us this day to call upon Your great name. Allow us the grace to do so now. Allow us to trust solely in You and be done with all lesser suitors for our affections.”

Wednesday, 8/11

Read: Acts 2:14-21; Psalm 102:12-23.

Ask yourself or one another: To whom are we to call to be saved? Why? Who is doing the saving? Based upon what? Who gets the credit for the ones who are saved? Why?

Meditate on the memory verses & read thru the *WLC question* on back.

Sing: *At the Cross*.

Pray: “Lord Christ, we call upon Your name. You are faithful where we are not. Work in us. Teach us to obey the Father like You do. We long for You to transform us fully and to live with You forever.”

Thursday, 8/12

Read: First Corinthians 1:2; Psalm 102:24-28.

Ask yourself or one another: What is the common characteristic of all those in the church according to this verse? How does this relate to praying “in Jesus’ name”? Read on in Corinthians. What have we been given to enable us to call on Him (v. 4)? Whose calling is always faithful?

Review the memory verses & read thru the *WLC question* on back.

Sing: *At the Cross*.

Pray: “Father God, hear us today. We need You. We live in this age of misery and confusion. We cry out to You all day long. There is trouble all around us. When will You wipe away every tear? You are God. You are sovereign forever. Please come quickly, O Lord. You will build up Your church. Bring forward future generations of those who will serve You. Grant Your people life from on high. Let us live forever in Your presence. You are from everlasting to everlasting. We are safe in You alone.”

—Prayer on Ps. 102 by Steve Magee

Friday, 8/13

Read: Hebrews 7:11-28.

Ask yourself or one another: How effective is Christ’s interceding for us? How do we draw near to God? What does it mean to come to God through Christ?

Meditate on the memory verses & read thru the *WLC question* on back.

Sing: *At the Cross*.

Pray: “Lord, we long to wait on You as we should, but we don’t. We wait in a huff. We pity ourselves and pout. We doubt You and struggle with all that calls Your Word into question. Please forgive us and change us. Make us more and more like Your Son.”

Saturday, 8/14

Read: Psalm 103 *in preparation for gathered worship tomorrow.*

Sing: *At the Cross*.

Rejoice: Praise the Lord for something specific. Thank Him for something He has done. Adore Him for an aspect of His character. Give voice to the joy in your heart from being in His presence and knowing His favor.

Pray: Lord, teach us walk by faith and not by sight. Work in us by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Make us attentive to Your Word in worship tomorrow and help us to receive Your feast with faith. Build us up as a community of faith to live as Your people. In Christ’s name we pray.