

Lord, Teach Us to Pray – Lead Us Not..., Deliver Us...
Psalm 73; Matthew 6:9-14

Daily Readings: “Lead Us Not..., Deliver Us...”

“Lead us not into temptation” addresses struggles when evil attacks us on the inside – exploiting a weakness or a flaw. “Deliver us from evil one” deals with assaults we might be facing from the outside. For us, Jesus is the “Sanctuary of God,” “The Temple,” the “Bridge” between heaven and earth, the final bloody sacrifice that will wash away all your sins forever.” Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life.”

MONDAY – Read Psalm 73:1-12. If you had to choose between being prosperous, but wicked, or poverty-stricken, but pure in heart, which would you be? Why? Why does the psalmist describe his doubt by his use of the metaphor of almost losing his foothold and coming close to the edge? What does this metaphor convey about envy?

TUESDAY – Read Psalm 73:13-17. What was the psalmist hoping his “pure heart” would get him? He was doubting God’s goodness. What doubts have you had about God’s goodness? Do you feel guilty about those doubts? Why or why not? In what verse did the psalmist experience his “Aha! moment” and what made the difference? Have you ever had a “sanctuary experience”? When? Where? What happened?

WEDNESDAY – Read Psalm 73:18-28. In what sense are the wicked standing in “slippery places?” (vs. 18)? What conclusion did the psalmist come to regarding his actions (vss. 22, 23)? Where did the psalmist find ultimate satisfaction (vss. 25, 26)?

THURSDAY – Read John 2:13-21. Did the Jews understand what Jesus was saying? When Jesus says “Destroy this temple, and I will rebuild it in three days,” what was He really saying? How is Jesus the new “Sanctuary of God” or “Temple”? How is Jesus the “Way” and the “Access” for all the world, that people may come to God through Him?

FRIDAY – Read 1 Corinthians 10:12-13; James 1:13-15. Pastor Don said, “Envy is wanting someone else’s life.” How can envy lead us into temptation? Does James 1:13-15 change the way you view temptation? How does 1 Corinthians 10:13 help us understand God’s role when it comes to our temptation? Does God ever tempt us? What is evil’s role in our temptations?

SATURDAY – Read Matthew 6:13; John 17:13-19; 2 Thessalonians 3:2-5. Pastor Don said, “Deliver us from evil one” deals with assaults we might be facing from the outside.” Do you think the “evil one” refers only to Satan or the devil? Why or why not? Could the “evil one” also represent something or someone else? What do you think it means for God to “deliver” you from the evil one? Are we meant to be passive participants in this effort?



Weekly Prayer Concerns

Prayer is vital to everything we do at the Wadsworth UMC. In prayer, we do not simply ask for our needs, or the needs of others, to be met, but seek God's presence and ask Him to bring His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. In prayer, we enjoy time with God, knowing that He welcomes us as His beloved children.

(Please be sure to update your prayer concerns.)

Please mention these persons and others in your prayers this week.

Hospitalized & Extended Care

Active Duty Military

David Byers

Brian Anderson
Russell Conway
Andrew Hickle
Daniel & Sierra Howard
Jeff Keenan
Jacob McIlvaine
Austin McNamara
Zachary Ramsay
Glenn Schroeder
Alex Staub
Scott Valentine
Michael Wallet
Austin Wolfinger

Hospice Care

Pre-Surgery/Treatment

Michael Satink
Tom Babyak – back/neck surgery
Jack Gore
Mary Foote
Jessie Madded
Warren Goldston
Beryl Fisk – broken leg
Leanna Freund – lymphoma

Bereavement & Grief

The Family of Linda Martin
The Family of Wayne Johnson
(Carol Johnson's father)
The Family of Joanne McHenry

Medical/Health Concerns

Bob Hasenyager
Sandy Nedoh
Charlotte Danals

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

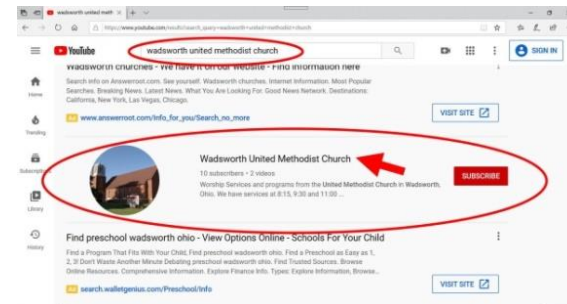
- Psalm 91:15

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