

Hey, Everybody!

Here's a simple script to follow to enjoy some time in God's presence today. You can go through the prayers and Scripture readings yourself or join-together with your spouse, other family members, or your roommate.

Of course, it can be easy to get caught-up in the reading of prayers and Scripture and forget to actually pray and receive the Word of the Lord. So, feel free to stop and start again if you realize that you've fallen into these traps.

Midway through the prayer-time you'll see a "MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BEN". The message is not necessarily about the readings from Psalm 5 or 1 Corinthians 12, but I hope it is a timely and stirring message for all we are living these days.

The plain text is intended for a "leader" to offer and the bold for others in the home to join in with, but if you're going through the prayer yourself, feel free to offer up both. 😊

Remember that our Lenten fasting begins after dinner tonight: Fasting from all food and drink except water or, if you can't fast from food, fasting from all TV and Internet. The fast, of course, ends *with* dinner on Thursday night, so, a 24-hour fast.

May You know the Lord's presence and surrender to His guidance throughout these days.

Grace and peace to you!

Love,
PASTOR BEN

Daily Prayer

March 25th, AD2020

OPENING SENTENCES

O Lord, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

The Lord's unfailing love and mercy never cease, fresh as the morning and sure as the sunrise. (*Lam. 3:22-23*)

READ PSALM 5

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BEN

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Satisfy us with Your love in the morning

and we will live this day in joy and praise.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank You for the resurrection dawn bringing the glory of our risen Lord Who makes every day new. Especially we thank You for

- the beauty of Your creation...
- the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness...

- the sustaining love of family and friends...
- the fellowship of faith in Your Church....

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all Your children, and bring about Your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord. Especially we pray for

- those who govern nations of the world...
- the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare...
- all who work for peace and international harmony...
- all who strive to save the creation from destruction...
- the Church of Jesus Christ in every land....

Eternal God,
 our beginning and our end,
 be our starting point and our haven,
 and accompany us in this day's journey.
 Use our hands,
 to do the work of Your creation,
 and use our lives,
 to bring others the new life You give this world
 in Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in Heaven,

**hallowed be Your name,
 Your Kingdom come,
 Your will be done,
 on earth as it is in Heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Lead us not into temptation;
 deliver us from evil.
 For Yours is the Kingdom, the power,
 and the glory,
 now and forever. Amen.**

DISMISSAL

The grace of God be with us all, now and always. *(1 Tim. 6:21)*

Bless the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.