

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH – Week 2

Day 1 – Genesis 2:2-3 and Mark 2:27

Lord from the foundation of the world you established a time for rest. You, the Creator, rested from your work. You blessed it and called it “holy”. Lord, help us to see that this is your call to us out of Eden. You are calling us back from toil to rest. Teach us to honor your call to rest and in doing so, to honor you. Bring us back from the curse of the soil to the Garden of Rest. AMEN

Day 2 – Genesis 2:7

Gracious God, you created us to “be”. Your breath gave us life, and you created us in your image. Help us to be mindful of that Breath within us. In order to do your mighty works, we first must “be”. Remind us that we must breathe in and become renewed and refilled with your Spirit or we will die. AMEN

Day 3 – Ezekiel 20:12

Lord God, help us remember that you are God, and you are Lord. Help us to understand and realize that you alone are holy. Let us set ourselves apart and set a day apart that is holy. You have called us to be a people set apart. Help us to honor that calling by being a people of Sabbath. Let that not only be a sign between us but also a sign to the world. AMEN

Day 4 – Psalm 46:10 and 1 Kings 19:12

Lord God, help us to let things be and to be still. Help us to trust that we can let go and know that you are still working. Remind us that before we can “do” we must “be.” We must be still so we can know. You are found in the quiet and the calm. You are a God of peace and not chaos. We cannot see you nor hear you until we are still. Help us to be still so we can hear your gentle whisper and know you are talking to us as Elijah heard you in that cave. AMEN

Day 5 – Number 9:15-19

Lord, you move us and you settle us. You settle us and leave us camped in our community. Teach us to build and nurture our relationships during these times. Remind us that we must come together and form as a group and a community before we can perform your works. Help us to acknowledge times of stillness as times of relationship. Teach us how to build and how to grow with one another while your cloud is still. Prevent us from moving ahead of you and prevent us from moving if we are not unified. AMEN

Day 6 – Luke 10:38-42

Jesus, Mary sought that which could not be taken from her. She sought to know you. She knew *WHO* she was and *WHOSE* she was. Teach us how to sit at your feet, Jesus. We want to be like Mary and only desire you. We want to know the One who first loved us. When we can rest at your feet, then we will be able to stand and endure our struggles as a people and as a church. Help us to come together at your feet, Lord. Let not one of us be busy with that which is unnecessary. AMEN

Day 7 – John 21:9-10, 12

Lord, just as you so many times brought your disciples together over a meal, so you bring us. You bring us together to a common meal to remind us that we are all a common people. Help us to honor these times as sacred times, and remember you are there with us. Help us to remember that this is just a dim reflection of what you are preparing for us in heaven. As we come together at the table with our differing needs and desires, remind us that one day we will all be at the one table in Heaven. Let us not forget that as you and God are one, you have called us to be one. Unify us at your table, and prepare us for the Great Wedding Feast! AMEN