

face life's adversities and come through them without you. May my life be a testimony of faith and trust in you in the good and the difficult times. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: Paul & Lula Towery, Wayne & Vickie Trotter

My Daily Walk with God

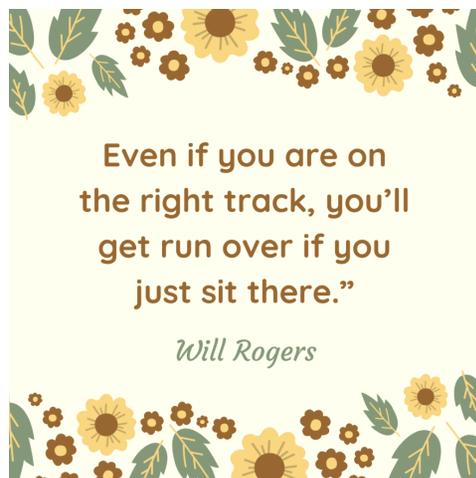


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IT'S ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE MADE OF,
NOT THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

—UNKNOWN



Even if you are on
the right track, you'll
get run over if you
just sit there."

Will Rogers

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This booklet was compiled by Rev. Peggy and Tamara McCarter to help guide you on your faith Journey. Please read the Bible verse(s), the short prayer, remember a few people in your prayers, and the organization listed.

Please join us as we continue our 2021 resolution to spend a few minutes with our faithful and loving God each day!

WEEK ONE (September 1-7): Catawba Valley and Frye Regional Medical Centers—Patients and Staff

September 01

Luke 12:6-7, “Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”

Daily Prayer: Holy God, I can scarcely take in how much you love and care for me! Remind me, when I forget, of your care for the birds of the air and your care for the highest of your creation, human beings like me. Thank you for your love and never forgetting me. Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: Ken & Shirley Poovey, Rev. Earle Potts

September 02

Galatians 2:20, “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Daily Prayer: Sometimes, O Lord, I do not live as though I have let go of my old desires, stinking thinking, and wrong actions. Forgive me, O Lord! Cleanse and purify my thoughts and actions—that I may live and show my gratitude for your loving sacrifice. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: Larry & Pauline Pope, Jack Power

according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”

Daily Prayer: O Lord, help me to love others as you love me, and that includes building others up rather than tearing them down. Grant me the desire and diligence to be different from the world. Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: The Tellado Family (Paiton, Ashlin, & Brantley Tellado)

September 28

Psalm 139:13-14, “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”

Daily Prayer: O Lord, our bodies are so intricately made and when I see a newborn baby, I often wonder how anyone cannot believe in you, the Holy Creator God. Thank you for the uniqueness of our created bodies and minds and the gifts you have bestowed upon us. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: The Thomas Family (James, Angela, Christopher, Taylor, & Logan Thomas)

September 29

Luke 18:13-14, “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Daily Prayer: “God, have mercy on me a sinner!” Thank you for your loving sacrifice on the cross for me and all humanity. Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: Steve & Libby Thornburg, Dan & Andrea Timmerman

September 30

Psalm 146:5-6, “Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God. He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever.”

Daily Prayer: You are my help and strength, O Lord. I could not

September 24

Acts 1:8, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Daily Prayer: Father God, as you called the disciples to go to the ends of the earth to share the good news of Christ’s love and forgiveness—so, too, Christ has called us to live out the good news in our words and actions. May your Holy Spirit empower us to do just that! Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: The Starnes Family
(Sonya, Shaimez, Alonzo, & Destiny Starnes)

September 25

Ephesians 6:10-11, “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”

Daily Prayer: Holy and Merciful God—there is always a struggle within us to choose good over evil, right over wrong, unselfishness over selfishness. May we abide in you and your Word and the strength of the Holy Spirit to fight the forces of evil around us. Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: The Steller Family
(Matt, Mandy, & Riley Steller)

September 26

Ephesians 5:8-10, “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord.”

Daily Prayer: Help me, O Lord, to live as your child. Help me to bear the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, and self-control. May I be patient as you grow me in this faith journey. Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: Steve & Gloria Thomas,
Rev. Peggy Stout

September 27

Ephesians 4:29, “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up

September 03

Psalm 9:10, “Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.”

Daily Prayer: Sometimes, O Lord, when I am overwhelmed with life’s challenges, I tend to doubt your Presence and think you have forgotten me. Remind me that we are in this journey of life together—hold me tightly, Lord. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: Dianne Propst, Yvonne Propst, Marjorie Reaves

September 04

Isaiah 49:15-16a, “Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has born? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.”

Daily Prayer: How comforting, O Lord, to know that you have engraved me on the palms of your hands and in your heart! Help me not to forget. Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: JV & Patsy Randall,
Pat Roark

September 05

Psalm 143:8, “Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.”

Daily Prayer: So many people and things distract us from you, O Lord and we lose our way. Forgive us! Lead us back to the ways that are pleasing to you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: The Reitzel Family (Greg, Carolyn, & Cole Reitzel)

September 06

Ecclesiastes 3:11, “He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.”

Daily Prayer: Loving God, thank you for the beauty of your created world—the rising and setting of the sun, the beauty of the beaches and mountains, the tapestry of color in the sky at sunset, the beautiful array of flowers, the various kinds of animals, and so

many other things you created. Thank you for the beauty and intricacies of the body and mind you have given us humans. May we live with gratitude and be responsible with all you have given us. Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: Bruce & Tera Rockett, Tina Rockett

September 07

Psalm 34:4-5, “I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.”

Daily Prayer: O Lord, my fears and concerns are often many and diverse. I try to handle them alone too often. Please be my co-pilot, help me grow in trust in you, and remind me that it’s you carrying me when the load gets too heavy. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: Debbie Rockette, Por Peang & Enang Saesee

WEEK TWO (September 8-15): Newton-Conover and Catawba County Schools—Students, Teachers, and Parents

September 08

Zephaniah 3:17, “The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”

Daily Prayer: It’s the beginning of a new day, O Lord! I need your guidance and strength. May I sense and feel your loving delight in me, and may I praise and honor you. Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: The Rowe Family (Michael, Rhonda, Robert, & Russell Rowe)

September 09

Isaiah 55:2-3, “Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.”

September 21

Matthew 24:36, 42, 44, “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

Daily Prayer: Sometimes I forget, O Lord, that today could be the day you come and you hold me accountable for how I act—how I treat you and others in this world. Some days I have not done so well—probably more than I like to admit. Forgive me, O Lord! May I do better with the help of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: Naomi Smith, Carl Spencer, Randy Steelmon

September 22

Psalm 23:4, “Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”

Daily Prayer: O Lord, sometimes my dark valley may differ from someone else, but they come to all of us. Be with me; comfort me! May I sense your loving Presence. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: Kevin & Debbie Spencer, Ella Mae Stewart

WEEK FOUR (September 23-30): The Adult Life Centers in Conover and Hickory

September 23

Psalm 40:17, “But as for me, I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; you are my God, do not delay.”

Daily Prayer: Today, O Lord, I may or may not be poor or needy, but someone else I know may be having a difficult time. Would you comfort my friend or family or co-worker and would you strengthen me to be an instrument of help to them. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: The Spencer Family (Ryan, Carley, Charlie, & Georgie Spencer)

Remember in Prayer and with cards: Martha Sigmon, Chloe Simmons

September 18

Ephesians 3:16-19, “And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”

Daily Prayer: O Lord, help me today to see and know how deep and wide and long your love is for me—thank you, Lord Jesus! Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: Tommy & Jo Ann Simmons, Dwayne Smith

September 19

Isaiah 12:2, 5-6, “Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

Daily Prayer: Loving Father, I am not a good singer—maybe one day in heaven I’ll be blessed with a singing voice. Until then, help me to tell others of your love and care for them through my words and my actions. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: The Sims Family (Jody, Beth, Ethan, & Bailey Sims)

September 20

Psalms 37:8-9, “Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil. For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.”

Daily Prayer: Holy God and Loving Father—I sometimes get angry and relish in that anger and hurt—Forgive me, O Lord! Help me to trust my brothers and sisters with the kindness and forgiveness you have given me. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: The Spain Family (Jessica, Quincey, & Ocean Spain)

Daily Prayer: O Lord, we so often search for purpose and fulfillment in others and in our work and the possession of worldly things, but the only One who can fill the void or vacuum in our hearts is you. Help me to grow in my relationship with you—reading your Word, praying, worshipping, fellowshiping with other believers, and serving others. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: Joan & Rockie Saine, Joe Schell

September 10

I Peter 3:8-9, “Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.”

Daily Prayer: Holy and Merciful God, I thank you for those who have shown me the Christ-like way of not repaying meanness with meanness, but to be a blessing and to pray for those who hurt me! Help me to be kind to someone who really needs it today. Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: Rev. Jaha & Ekong Seechang, Kathryn Abernethy Schmit

September 11

Isaiah 54:10, “Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you.”

Daily Prayer: A few years ago on 9/11 our whole country was shaken. O Lord, some days my world is still shaken and my life feels “upside-down.” I need your compassionate touch today—send me word of your love and bring calm in my chaos. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: The See Family (Aising, Nasin, Allen, Dillen, & Ashllen See)

September 12

Psalms 100:4-5, “Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues

through all generations.”

Daily Prayer: Holy and Wonderful God, on this Sabbath, may I give thanks and praise your name for life, for family, for eternal life, and for all of your blessings and goodness to me. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: The Seechang Family
(Joseph, Isabela, Jaiden, Jax, & Jameson Seechang)

September 13

Joshua 1:5, “No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Daily Prayer: Thank you, O Lord, for your promise that you will never leave me nor forsake me. When the trials of life come this day, this week, this year—may I know without a doubt, you are with me all the way. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: The Setzer Family
(David, Gina, & Austin Setzer)

September 14

Philemon 1:4-7, “I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord’s people.”

Daily Prayer: Merciful and Loving God, I thank you for all those persons in my past and present, living and deceased, who have influenced my Christian life—who have inspired, challenged, and mentored me in the faith. May I, too, make a difference in some one’s faith journey and for your glory and honor. Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: Ned & Mary Jane Setzer,
Kelly Setzer

September 15

Philippians 2:14-15, “Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then you will

shine among them like stars in the sky.”

Daily Prayer: O Lord, it is so easy to gripe and complain and to see the negative. It is especially easy to be critical during all of this COVID pandemic. I need help and strength from the Holy Spirit to be more patient, considerate, and positive with myself and others. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: Ted & Becky Setzer,
Coy Sherrill

WEEK THREE (September 16-22): The Corner Table and ECCCM Ministries

September 16

I Corinthians 13:11-12, “When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.”

Daily Prayer: Sometimes, O Lord, things in life happen to me or others I care deeply for and I do not understand. Grant me strength to trust you with the bigger picture and to know that one day in heaven I will understand fully. Amen.

Remember in Prayer and with cards: Hamp & Kathleen Shuford,
Louise Sherrill

September 17

James 1:2-4, “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

Daily Prayer: O Lord, a friend used to often say to me, “This too shall pass” and I would get so tired of that phrase. I suppose I was learning perseverance in the trials and adversities of life, but it wasn’t fun or easy. But, life is not always easy and sometimes our greatest lessons are learned in the struggles we face. Remind me, O Lord, that you are always with me and will never leave me or forsake me. Amen.