

# THE PRESENT WORD

ADULT BIBLE LESSONS

W O R S H I P   L E A F L E T S

The Lord's Prayer is used in most sessions. Refer to this page when so indicated.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray (*select a version of the prayer*):

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**



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W O R S H I P L E A F L E T S

## JUSTICE AND OBEDIENCE TO THE LAW

\*Responses are in bold.

OPENING SENTENCES (*Light two candles*)

2 Peter 3:13

God has promised us a new creation  
where righteousness will be at home.

## HYMN

Prepare the way, O Zion,  
your Christ is drawing near!  
Let every hill and valley  
a level way appear.  
Greet One who comes in glory,  
foretold in sacred story.  
O blest is Christ who came  
in God's most holy name.

"Prepare the Way O Zion" (*GtG*, #106)

He brings God's rule, O Zion;  
he comes from heaven above.  
His rule is peace and freedom,  
and justice, truth, and love.  
Lift high your praise resounding,  
for grace and joy abounding.  
O blest is Christ who came  
in God's most holy name.

## SCRIPTURE

**5:1**Moses convened all Israel, and said to them: Hear, O Israel, the statutes and ordinances that I am addressing to you today; you shall learn them and observe them diligently. <sup>2</sup>The LORD our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. <sup>3</sup>Not with our ancestors did the LORD make this covenant, but with us, who are all of us here alive today. . . .

**10:12**So now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you? Only to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>13</sup>and to keep the commandments of the LORD your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. . . .

**27:1**Then Moses and the elders of Israel charged all the people as follows: Keep the entire commandment that I am commanding you today. <sup>2</sup>On the day that you cross over the Jordan into the land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall set up large stones and cover them with plaster. <sup>3</sup>You shall write on them all the words of this law when you have

Deuteronomy 5:1b-3; 10:12-13; 27:1-10  
crossed over, to enter the land that the LORD your God is giving you, a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you. <sup>4</sup>So when you have crossed over the Jordan, you shall set up these stones, about which I am commanding you today, on Mount Ebal, and you shall cover them with plaster. <sup>5</sup>And you shall build an altar there to the LORD your God, an altar of stones on which you have not used an iron tool. <sup>6</sup>You must build the altar of the LORD your God of unhewn stones. Then offer up burnt offerings on it to the LORD your God, <sup>7</sup>make sacrifices of well-being, and eat them there, rejoicing before the LORD your God. <sup>8</sup>You shall write on the stones all the words of this law very clearly.

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and the levitical priests spoke to all Israel, saying: Keep silence and hear, O Israel! This very day you have become the people of the LORD your God. <sup>10</sup>Therefore obey the LORD your God, observing his commandments and his statutes that I am commanding you today.

## **BIBLE STUDY**

To be led using the Participant's Book, p. 1, and Leader's Guide, p. 1.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*[A time of silence may follow each petition.]*

Covenant God, we come before you in prayer, seeking to walk more fully in all your ways, to love you and to serve you with all our heart and with all our soul, and to keep your commandments and decrees for our well-being and for the well-being of the whole creation.

Hear us as we pray, saying, **we pray in your most holy name.**

We pray for justice, truth, and love for all those whose voices are muffled.

May we be your instruments for justice as we seek to walk more fully in all your ways.

O covenant God, **we pray in your most holy name.**

We pray for peace and freedom for the nations of the world.

May we be your instruments for shalom for all as we seek to walk more fully in all your ways.

O covenant God, **we pray in your most holy name.**

We pray for all those who bear physical or emotional wounds.

May we be your instruments of healing as we seek to walk more fully in all your ways.

O covenant God, **we pray in your most holy name.**

We pray for this community and for the common good for all.

May we be instruments for righteousness and love as we seek to walk more fully in all your ways.

O covenant God, **we pray in your most holy name.**

And now we lift up those persons, situations and systems in need of your grace and mercy:

*Individual prayers of thanksgiving and intercession may be offered. There may be silent prayer.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Pray the Lord's Prayer found on p. iii.

## **DISMISSAL**

Prepare the way of the Lord! **Amen.**