

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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ABRAM BUILDS AN ALTAR AT MAMRE

*Responses are in **bold**.

OPENING SENTENCES

Genesis 12:1-2 (*FOWWC-A1*, p. 100)

As God called Abram, Sarai, and Lot on a journey,
God calls us to follow in trust.

**God is able to make us more than we have been
and blesses us on the way.**

HYMN

The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above,
the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!
The Lord, the great I AM
by earth and heaven confessed,
we bow before your holy name, forever blest.

“The God of Abraham Praise” (*GtG*, #49)

You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
your love shall be our strength and stay,
while ages roll.
We praise you, living God!
We praise your holy name:
the first, the last, beyond all thought,
and still the same!

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 13:8-18

13:8Then Abram said to Lot, “Let there be no strife between you and me and between your herders and my herders, for we are kindred. ⁹Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right, or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left.” ¹⁰Lot looked about him and saw that the plain of the Jordan was well watered everywhere like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar; this was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. ¹¹So Lot chose for himself all the plain of the Jordan, and Lot journeyed eastward, and they separated from each other. ¹²Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the plain and moved his tent as far as Sodom.

¹³Now the people of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the LORD.

¹⁴The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, “Raise your eyes now, and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, ¹⁵for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. ¹⁶I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. ¹⁷Rise up, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you.” ¹⁸So Abram moved his tent and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron, and there he built an altar to the LORD.

BIBLE STUDY

To be led using the Participant’s Book, p. 2, and Leader’s Guide, p. 3.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we remember Abram and Sarai, we give thanks for times when we too encounter moments of your divine grace, O God—times that present new possibilities for transforming our relationship with you.

As for Abram and Sarai, those moments come, not because we deserve them, but from your own boundless grace.

Forgive us when we fail to recognize those bolts from the blue:

when the possibility of newness slips by,
when we assume we are blessed because of our own merit,
when we bask in that blessedness but fail to be a blessing.

May we instead create altars of remembrance,
symbols of our encounters with your grace,
and in remembering, may we act as agents of blessedness.

In the name of your most blessed Son,
the exemplar of grace, Jesus Christ.

(There may a time for participants to offer prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray the Lord's Prayer found on page iii.

DISMISSAL

Go forth to be a blessing.