

23 – Persevere in prayer for our downtown initiatives & the impact we are making in our city to all people regardless of status or age in life. **Matthew 22:1-14**

24 – Continue to pray for our world leaders so we can live in love not hate, joy not sorrow, peace not strife.

1 Corinthians 3:18-23

25 – Pray for those on our prayer list that they would feel God’s peace & presence in the midst of difficult times. **Philippians 4:4-7**

26 – Rejoice in the many ways our church is sharing our faith story with others. Make plans to be part of the narrative. **2 Timothy 1:7-12**

27 – Remember that God often uses a time of waiting to refresh, renew, and redirect our plans. Trust God as you wait patiently in prayer. **Psalm 27:14**

28 – Give thanks for our music ministry: the staff, volunteers, and members who give generously of their time & talents. **Psalm 33:1-3**

29 – Recognize that your worth comes from God. As you pray, humble yourself before God. **James 4:10**

30 – Pray that the words from your mouth will build others up & benefit them in a positive way. **Ephesians 4:29**



WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September Daily Prayer Guide

2017

Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

St. Francis of Assisi

September 1 – Pray that we will “practice love” today as we seek to love all people as we are all created in the image of God. **1 John 4:20-21**

2 – Please be in prayer for our “Body & Soul Health Fair” as we share health information with our homeless & working poor in Columbia. **Deuteronomy 15:7-8**

3 – Pray for all people who enter our church on Sunday mornings that they may experience Christ’s power and presence. **Acts 1:8**

4 – Remember to pray for our church staff & leaders, children & youth as we start a monthly Wednesday worship service for our young people. **Psalms 71:17**

5 – As you pray, remember people involved in our Bible studies, small groups, & prayer groups that meet weekly. Discern how you can grow in your faith journey & know you are always invited to come. **Acts 1:12-14**

6 – Seek to live in Christ’s peace today even as fear and chaos in the world surround you. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you peace so you may share it with others. **John 14:27**

7 – Take time today in your prayers to thank God for giving you all you really need as David declared, “The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.” **Psalms 23:1**

8 – Be in prayer for Mary’s Maidens & United Methodist Women as they expand our concept of mission to include brothers and sisters around the world. **Mark 16:15**

9 – Pray for participants engaged in “F3: Faith, Food & Fellowship”- our monthly Wednesday evening program. May it be a time of inspiration & togetherness. **Acts 2:42**

10 – Ask God to bring comfort to those who are hurting; likewise, share the comfort God brings you with others. **2 Corinthians 1:3-5**

11 – As you pray today, reflect on “The Beatitudes”- give when others take, love when others hate, & help when others exploit. **Matthew 5:3-12**

12 – Be in prayer for college students & young professionals to come & experience Christ at work in our church: may they receive & return Christian hospitality just as Lydia did through Paul’s ministry. **Acts 16:13-15**

13 – Recall that the mission of United Methodist Men is to make disciples & help others grow in Christ. Pray for the Spirit to lead you into greater discipleship. **Matthew 28:18-20**

14 – Ask God to keep you from becoming complacent: discern ways to use your presents and presence to help others. **Amos 6:1-7**

15 – Continue to pray for our church staff (clergy & lay members) as they seek to live out their call to Christian ministry among us. **2 Corinthians 3:4-6**

16 – Give thanks for some of the ways we are assisting our downtown neighbors through the Soup Cellar, Living Water Project, & Operation Bedroll. **Leviticus 25:35-38**

17- Pray for the Spirit to produce fruits of love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness & self-control in your life. **Galatians 5:22-23**

18 – Give thanks that we are forgiven of our sins and redeemed through Christ. Be thankful for the grace Christ extends us daily. **Ephesians 1:7**

19 – Pray that our downtown churches can work together and be united in doing Christ’s work. **1 Corinthians 1:10-17**

20 – Discern how you can be a “child of light” whose actions reflect your faith in Christ. **Ephesians 5:8-10**

21 – As we stood in awe of the eclipse one month ago today, praise God for the majesty of God’s creation. **Genesis 1:1-2:3**

22 – Ask God to bless the teachers in our midst who give of their time preparing & leading Bible lessons. **Titus 2:7-8**