



Desert Cross Daily Prayer, Scripture, & Devotion
Week of October 26—October 31, 2020

You are encouraged to gather with the members of your household and join the members and friends of the Desert Cross community; though we be in separate locations, let us worship together at 6pm.

Daily Spiritual Examen

The Daily Examen is a technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to detect God's presence and discern God's direction for us. The Examen is an ancient practice in the Church that can help us see God's hand at work in our whole experience. Come, let us pray.

This week we will reflect upon key scriptures from the 16th century Reformation in which Martin Luther shone light on the grace of God as we spend our last week studying "Grace" for our October Playlists.

Come, let us pray.

Monday, October 26, 2020

Read Romans 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith."

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Ask God for what you need for tomorrow . . .

Pray for anyone who might be feeling lonely or sick at this time . . .

Thank God for this day . . .

Closing: "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

Read Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is[b] useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

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Thursday, October 29, 2020

Read Matthew 11:29-30

²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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Friday, October 30, 2020

Read 1 Peter 2:4-5

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built[a] into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

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Saturday, October 31, 2020

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Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access[b] to this grace in which we stand; and we[c] boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we[d] also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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