

Mon., Nov. 25: Power and Protection

“The LORD is my strength and my shield.” (Ps. 28:7)

Force protection. That’s the technical name for one of the essential roles of a chaplain assistant in the Army. Chaplains don’t carry weapons, but chaplain assistants do, and they stand between the chaplain and the enemy. They provide strength and shielding. So does God. He is our strength and our shield, and we are protected and secure. (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Thank God for His strength and shielding.

Two-Year Bible Reading: Jonah 4; Luke 9

Daily Proverbs: Prov. 25

Tue., Nov. 26: Trusted Help

“My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped.” (Ps. 28:7)

When you need help, you need someone you can trust. When others come to you for help, they come because they trust you. The problem is people will fail. Even the best falls short sometimes. But not so with God. He can be trusted, and He can help. The question is, will you trust Him and let Him help? Let your heart trust Him. Receive His help. (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Tell God you trust Him and thank Him for His help.

Two-Year Bible Reading: Micah 1; Luke 10

Daily Proverbs: Prov. 26

Wed., Nov. 27: The Heart’s Voice

“My heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him.” (Ps. 28:7)

If there is gratitude in your heart, let it show. How? With a song of praise to God. He hears you, so be grateful and praise Him. He’s your strength and shield, so sing to Him. He’s the one your heart can trust for help, so lift your voice and let Him know. Your heart’s voice is your worship, and God loves to hear you rejoicing for what He did, does, and will do. (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Sing a song of rejoicing as your prayer to the Lord.

Two-Year Bible Reading: Micah 2; Luke 11

Daily Proverbs: Prov. 27

Thu., Nov. 28: Always Grateful

“In everything give thanks.” (1 Thes. 5:18)

There is never a time when it’s okay to be ungrateful. Hear that again. *There is never a time when it’s okay to be ungrateful.* Period. This doesn’t mean everything that happens is great. Bad things are bad. Pain is painful. Loss means losing. But in every bad thing, painful pain, and losing loss, there is still something—SOMEONE—to be grateful for. (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Give thanks to God regardless of circumstances.

Two-Year Bible Reading: Micah 3; Luke 12

Daily Proverbs: Prov. 28

Fri., Nov. 29: Aware and Grateful

“Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!” (Ps. 136:1)

God’s goodness deserves a response. His goodness merits gratitude. If you’re ungrateful, is it because God isn’t good? Here’s the thing, He’s good all the time. Being ungrateful is being unaware. Gratitude flows from awareness of God’s goodness, so paying attention to the goodness of God will always lead to gratitude. Pay attention and be grateful. (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Give attention to the goodness of God and give thanks.

Two-Year Bible Reading: Micah 4; Luke 13

Daily Proverbs: Prov. 29

Sat., Nov. 30: Forever Is Forever

“His mercy endures forever.” (Ps. 136:1)

“Bottomless Cup of Coffee.” That’s what the sign in the window said, making the promise that paying for one cup meant you could drink all the coffee you want. That’s only true to a point, though. What happens when the restaurant closes? You find the cup has a bottom, after all. Not so with God’s mercy. His mercy endures forever. Forever is forever. (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Thank God that His mercy endures forever.

Two-Year Bible Reading: Micah 5; Luke 14

Daily Proverbs: Prov. 30-31

Prayer List

Health: Peggy Shum, Jim Wangler, Katherine Rice, JoAnn Mondino, Mario and Rita Allois, Cindy Lingle, Tom Burton, Judy and Terry Campbell, Jack Hogg, Charles and Amber Reed, Shirley Gayer, Ed and Lisa Smothers, Bobby Blondi, Winnie Kinnison, Isaiah Williams, Scott Williams, Dottie and Charlie Bartoni, Kay Levanti, Jodi Jeralds, Jean Smiley, Cindy Carner, Lori Watts, Samantha Tretter, Landon Adkins, Ryan Buckingham, Patricia Uhls, Virgil Zachary, Leah Hughes, Sheldon Smith, Jerry Wicker, Laura Siedel, Pam Ford, Tom Smith, Yula Gunn, Jack Woolard, Carolyn Place, Jason Coleman, Lois Golio, Rodney Johnson, Rachel Pollack, Jetta Barton, Tammy Wiggins, Mark Carpenter, Jill Lindhorst, Ashton Gentry, Bill Bradley, Patty Roland, Ryan Mondino, Kyle Britton, Lisa Uhls Bishop, Sharron West, Drake Short, Shirley Ward, Piper Castellano, Brenda Flowers, Sandy Ellis, Carolyn Jones, LaDonna Bryce, Misty Painter, Danny Rodgers, Linda Upton, Wanda Finn, Pam Jeralds, Jim Carter, Tim Williams, Jim Parker, Gene Williams, Avery Potter, Terri Stewart, Missy Story, Barbara Wilmore, Denny Bush, Barbara Winnet, Amanda Brewer, Nancy Denton, Wendy Russell

Other: peace in Israel and Ukraine; New Covenant Christian School; FCC's evangelistic efforts; prisoners; the hungry; the homeless; those struggling with addiction; the grieving and afflicted; FCC elders, staff, and deacons; FCC widows and widowers; US Armed Forces; Southern Illinois Christian Service Camp; missionaries; President Biden; President-Elect Trump; Governor Pritzker; Mayor Arview; local, state, and federal government representatives

President Washington's Prayer for the Nation

"Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.

And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

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Bible Memory

⁶Blessed be the LORD, because He has heard the voice of my supplications! ⁷The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him. (Ps. 28:6-7)

Devotion, Prayer Guide, Two-Year Bible, Daily Proverbs

Sun., Nov. 24: Has He Heard?

"He has heard the voice of my supplications!" (Ps. 28:6)

Ever wonder if God is listening? You pray and pray, but nothing changes. You cry out with tears only to feel as though your words fall to the ground. In those moments of struggle, remember that God hears. He hears every word, every thought, every sigh, every tearful ache. He is listening to you. He knows your voice, and He loves you. (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Thank God for always listening.

Two-Year Bible Reading: Jonah 3; Luke 8

Daily Proverbs: Prov. 24

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