

# OCTOBER 2023

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During our brief time on this earth, we meet people and grow apart, we find hope and then despair around the corner, we enter a Godly community but find ourselves too quickly pulled away, we can feel alone in a crowd, but the warmth of the Father reaches us in the loneliest places. Throughout our lives we find ourselves facing paradoxes and Psalm and downs, and often we find ourselves experiencing times of faith *and* doubt. In these desert times we can be searching desperately for the peace that we know that God offers, but it feels as if it is out of our grasp.

We all want to live in an analytical continuum that simply does not exist, *if I do A and B then I will get C*. This is not what we are promised. Our doubts can cause the world around us to morph into something unusual and distort reality. But we can rest in the truth, that we serve a God who sent His son to be with us in our desert places, and we can rest in His promise that he will always be with us. Many times, we find that all we can do is rest in His presence and when we do, we find that it is enough.”

## **PRAYER FOR OCTOBER:**

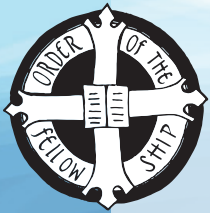
Father, I thank you for your presence in my life. I am humbled by the knowledge that you longed to be with me so much that you sent your Son to earth to give up his life. Show me your presence this month and let me rest in your love.

## **PRAYER PRACTICE:**

Take 5-10 minutes each day to rest in God’s presence.

## **FASTING PRACTICE:**

Choose one meal per week to fast. If you cannot go without food, choose one meal per week for solitary prayer!



# OCTOBER 2023

## WEEK 1

OCT 1-2

### SUNDAY

- Exodus 17:1-7
- Ps 78: 1-4, 12-16
- Matthew 21:23-32
- Philippians 2:1-13

### MONDAY

- Psalm 42
- Exodus 18:1-12
- Philippians 1:3-14

### TUESDAY

- Psalm 42
- Exodus 18:13-27
- Philippians 1:15-21

### WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 42
- Exodus 19:9b-25
- Matthew 9:2-8

### THURSDAY

- Psalm 19
- Exodus 23:1-9
- Colossians 2:16-23

### FRIDAY

- October 6
- Psalm 19
- Exodus 23:14-19
- Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a

### SATURDAY

- Psalm 19
- Exodus 23:10-13
- John 7:40-52

## WEEK 2

OCT 3-9

### SUNDAY

- Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
- Psalm 19
- Matthew 21:33-46
- Philippians 3:4b-14

### MONDAY

- Psalm 119:49-56
- Deut 5:1-21
- 1 Peter 2:4-10

### TUESDAY

- Psalm 119:49-56
- Deut 5:22-6:3
- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

### WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 119:49-56
- Deut 6:10-25
- John 11:45-57

### THURSDAY

- Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
- Exodus 24:1-8
- 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14

### FRIDAY

- Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
- Exodus 24:9-11
- James 4:4-10

### SATURDAY

- Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
- Exodus 24:12-18
- Mark 2:18-22

## WEEK 3

OCT 10-16

### SUNDAY

- Exodus 32:1-14
- Ps 106:1-6, 19-23
- Matthew 22:1-14
- Philippians 4:1-9

### MONDAY

- Psalm 97
- Exodus 32:15-35
- Jude 17-25

### TUESDAY

- Psalm 97
- Exodus 33:1-6
- Philippians 3:13-4:1

### WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 97
- 2 Kings 17:7-20
- John 6:25-35

### THURSDAY

- Psalm 99
- Exodus 33:7-11
- 3 John 9-12

### FRIDAY

- Psalm 99
- Exodus 31:1-11
- 1 Peter 5:1-5

### SATURDAY

- Psalm 99
- Exodus 39:32-43
- Matthew 14:1-12

## WEEK 4

OCT 17-23

### SUNDAY

- Exodus 33:12-23
- Psalm 99
- Matthew 22:15-22
- 1 Thess 1:1-10

### MONDAY

- Psalm 63:1-8
- Exodus 40:34-38
- Rev 18:1-10, 19-20

### TUESDAY

- Psalm 63:1-8
- Numbers 12:1-9
- Rev 18:21-24

### WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 63:1-8
- Numbers 13:1-2, 17-14:9
- Matthew 17:22-27

### THURSDAY

- Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
- Deut 31:14-22
- Titus 1:5-16

### FRIDAY

- Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
- Deut 32:1-14, 18
- Titus 2:7-8, 11-15

### SATURDAY

- Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
- Deut 32:44-47
- John 5:39-47

## WEEK 5

OCT 24-30

### SUNDAY

- Deut 34:1-12
- Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17
- Matthew 22:34-46
- 1 Thess 2:1-8

### MONDAY

- Psalm 119:41-48
- Numbers 33:38-39
- James 2:8-13

### TUESDAY

- Psalm 119:41-48
- Exodus 34:29-35
- James 2:14-26