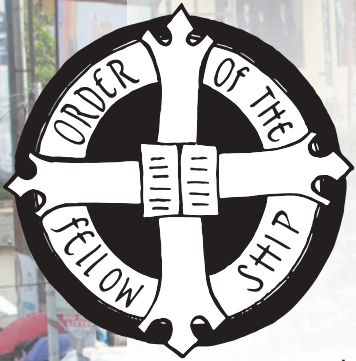


OCTOBER 2024



Within the first three months of living in West Africa, we found ourselves in an interesting situation. While attempting to cross the street with our daughter, there was a rowdy group of young boys. My French was not good, and so I didn't completely understand all that they were saying. However, one of them stood beside my daughter, and then kissed her on the cheek. This was traumatic for my daughter and I was unsure of what to do. I spoke with our cook and found that this behavior is in no way acceptable. He was downright appalled. He also knew the man selling vegetables that witnessed the whole thing. I have not seen the boys since. We live in places where life is different. Expectations are different. Behavior is different. Sometimes we think there are enemies where there are none. Sometimes we can be perceived as enemies to others. Sometimes we don't understand when a transgression has happened. But in all things, it is Christ who judges. We must walk before him blamelessly. We must allow Him to judge, as we go to him in prayer, sometimes not knowing what we are praying for. He is the Creator God, and we are but his creation.

PRAYER FOR OCTOBER:

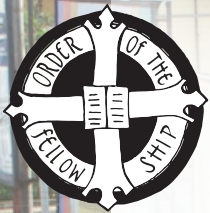
"Praise be to the Lord, for he has heard my cry for mercy...The Lord is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one." Jesus, I know you go before me, that you have my best interest in mind. May I rest in that knowledge.

PRAYER PRACTICE:

Spend some time to reflect on how you have seen God move in your life. Reflect on times when he has fought for you, when circumstances you were really upset about were taken care of by someone else being your advocate, or a circumstance changing the whole situation. Perhaps write them in a journal or notebook for remembering in the future.

FASTING PRACTICE:

Decide to fast from one thing for the month. Perhaps it is soda, coffee, chocolate, bread. What is it that you rely on, or go to too much? What could you fast to make you depend more on God?



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WEEK 1

OCT 1-5

TUESDAY

- Psalm 140
- Esther 5:1-14
- 1 John 2:18-25

WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 140
- Esther 8:1-17
- Matthew 18:6-9

THURSDAY

- Psalm 26
- Job 2:11-3:26
- Galatians 3:23-29

FRIDAY

- Psalm 26
- Job 4:1-21
- Romans 8:1-11

SATURDAY

- Psalm 26
- Job 7:1-21
- Luke 16:14-18

WEEK 2

OCT 6-12

SUNDAY

- Job 1:1, 2:1-10
- Psalm 26
- Heb 1:1-4, 2:5-12
- Mark 10:2-16

MONDAY

- Psalm 55:1-15
- Job 8:1-22
- 1 Corinthians 7:1-9

TUESDAY

- Psalm 55:1-15
- Job 11:1-20
- 1 Corinthians 7:10-16

WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 55:1-15
- Job 15:1-35
- Matthew 5:27-36

THURSDAY

- Psalm 22:1-15
- Job 17:1-16
- Hebrews 3:7-19

FRIDAY

- Psalm 22:1-15
- Job 18:1-21
- Hebrews 4:1-11

SATURDAY

- Psalm 22:1-15
- Job 20:1-29
- Matthew 15:1-9

WEEK 3

OCT 13-19

SUNDAY

- Job 23:1-9, 16-17
- Psalm 22:1-15
- Heb 4:12-16
- Mark 10:17-31

MONDAY

- Psalm 39
- Job 26:1-14
- Revelation 7:9-17

TUESDAY

- Psalm 39
- Job 28:12-29:10
- Revelation 8:1-5

WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 39
- Job 32:1-22
- Luke 16:19-31

THURSDAY

- Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b
- Job 36:1-16
- Romans 15:7-13

FRIDAY

- Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b
- Job 37:1-24
- Revelation 17:1-18

SATURDAY

- Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b
- Job 39:1-30
- Luke 22:24-30

WEEK 4

OCT 20-26

SUNDAY

- Job 38:1-7
- Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
- Heb 5:1-10
- Mark 10:35-45

MONDAY

- Psalm 75
- Job 40:1-24
- Hebrews 6:1-12

TUESDAY

- Psalm 75
- Job 41:1-11
- Hebrews 6:13-20

WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 75
- Job 41:12-34
- John 13:1-17

THURSDAY

- Psalm 34:1-8
- 2 Kings 20:12-19
- Hebrews 7:1-10

FRIDAY

- Psalm 34:1-8
- Nehemiah 1:1-11
- Hebrews 7:11-22

SATURDAY

- Psalm 34:1-8
- Job 42:7-9
- Mark 8:22-26

WEEK 5

OCT 27-31

SUNDAY

- Job 42:1-6, 10-17
- Psalm 34:1-8
- Heb 7:23-28
- Mark 10:46-52

MONDAY

- Psalm 28
- Isaiah 59:9-19
- 1 Peter 2:1-10

TUESDAY

- Psalm 28
- Ezekiel 18:1-32
- Acts 9:32-35

WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 28
- Ezekiel 14:12-23
- Matthew 20:29-34

THURSDAY

- Psalm 146
- Ruth 1:18-22
- Hebrews 9:1-12