

# SEPTEMBER 2024

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If you go to a wedding in West Africa, you'll probably meet a *jeli* (or *griot* in French). Jelis were the hype-men for kings, the bards of West Africa. They sang history and were trusted to mediate disputes because they knew the whole story. At a wedding, they might creatively sing out your praises or rhyme out your faults depending on whether you tip them or not. In Psalm 144, King David makes himself the jeli of a greater king; he seeks to creatively share a new song of God's exploits. It's possible that David feels that this is his small part in God's deliverance from his enemies and establishing the good kingdom. September is our month to join David in being *jelis* for a greater king.

## **PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER:**

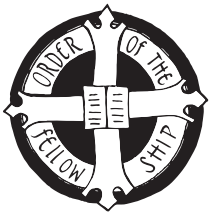
Great art Thou, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; great is Thy power, and Thy wisdom is infinite. Thee would we praise without ceasing. Thou callest us to delight in Thy praise, for Thou hast made us for Thyself, and our hearts find no rest until we rest in Thee; Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost all glory, praise, and honour be ascribed, both now and forevermore. AMEN.

## **PRAYER PRACTICE:**

Find prayers of praise in the Scriptures and place them at key points in your home as invitations to praise him. Perhaps start with Exodus 15 and Psalm 57.

## **FASTING PRACTICE:**

Fast from media that discourages you from praise. Put together a playlist of praise songs to listen to instead. You might want to include some "new songs" from your host country and share it with wider CMF.



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## WEEK 1

SEP 1-3

### SUNDAY

- Song of Sol 2:8-13
- Ps 45:1-2, 6-9
- James 1:17-27
- Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### MONDAY

- Psalm 144:9-15
- Song of Solomon 3:6-11
- 1 Timothy 4:6-16

### TUESDAY

- Psalm 144:9-15
- Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3
- 1 Peter 2:19-25

### WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 144:9-15
- Song of Solomon 8:5-7
- Mark 7:9-23

### THURSDAY

- Psalm 125
- Proverbs 1:1-19
- Romans 2:1-11

### FRIDAY

- Psalm 125
- Proverbs 4:10-27
- Romans 2:12-16

### SATURDAY

- Psalm 125
- Proverbs 8:1-31
- Matthew 15:21-31

## WEEK 2

SEP 4-10

### SUNDAY

- Isaiah 35:4-7a
- Psalm 146
- James 2:1-10, 14-17
- Mark 7:24-37

### MONDAY

- Psalm 73:1-20
- Proverbs 8:32-9:6
- Hebrews 11:29-12:2

### TUESDAY

- Psalm 73:1-20
- Proverbs 11:1-31
- Hebrews 12:3-13

### WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 73:1-20
- Proverbs 14:1-9
- Matthew 17:14-21

### THURSDAY

- Psalm 19
- Proverbs 15:1-17
- Hebrews 11:17-22

### FRIDAY

- Psalm 19
- Proverbs 19:24-29
- James 2:17-26

### SATURDAY

- Psalm 19
- Proverbs 21:1-17
- Matthew 21:23-32

## WEEK 3

SEP 11-17

### SUNDAY

- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm 116:1-9
- James 3:1-12
- Mark 8:27-38

### MONDAY

- Psalm 73:21-28
- Proverbs 22:1-21
- Romans 3:9-20

### TUESDAY

- Psalm 73:21-28
- Proverbs 25:1-28
- Colossians 3:1-11

### WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 73:21-28
- Proverbs 29:1-27
- John 7:25-36

### THURSDAY

- Psalm 1
- Proverbs 30:1-10
- 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

### FRIDAY

- Psalm 1
- Proverbs 30:18-33
- Romans 11:25-32

### SATURDAY

- Psalm 1
- Ecclesiastes 1:1-18
- Matthew 23:29-39

## WEEK 4

SEP 18-24

### SUNDAY

- Jeremiah 11:18-20
- Psalm 54
- James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
- Mark 9:30-37

### MONDAY

- Psalm 128
- Proverbs 27:1-27
- James 4:8-17

### TUESDAY

- Psalm 128
- Ecclesiastes 4:9-16
- James 5:1-6

### WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 128
- Ecclesiastes 5:1-20
- John 8:21-38

### THURSDAY

- Psalm 124
- Esther 1:1-21
- Acts 4:13-31

### FRIDAY

- Psalm 124
- Esther 2:1-23
- Acts 12:20-25

### SATURDAY

- Psalm 124
- Esther 3:1-15
- Matthew 5:13-20

## WEEK 5

SEP 25-31

### SUNDAY

- Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22
- Psalm 124
- James 5:13-20
- Mark 9:38-50

### MONDAY

- Psalm 140
- Esther 4:1-17
- 1 Peter 1:3-9