

## Daily Bible Readings

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Sunday	Mark 10:32-52	Jesus Came to Serve

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<sup>18</sup> Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except the one God. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: *Don't commit murder. Don't commit adultery. Don't steal. Don't give false testimony. Don't cheat. Honor your father and mother.*"

<sup>20</sup> "Teacher," he responded, "I've kept all of these things since I was a boy."

<sup>21</sup> Jesus looked at him carefully and loved him. He said, "You are lacking one thing. Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me." <sup>22</sup> But the man was dismayed at this statement and went away saddened, because he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup> Looking around, Jesus said to his disciples, "It will be very hard for the wealthy to enter God's kingdom!" <sup>24</sup> His words startled the disciples, so Jesus told them again, "Children, it's difficult to enter God's kingdom! <sup>25</sup> It's easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God's kingdom."

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James 5:14-16  
Matthew 6:5-15

### **When to pray**

#### *Common Times*

Meals  
Before Bed

#### *Important Times*

Before big decisions  
When you leave your children or spouse for the day  
When you wake up

### **How to pray**

#### *Examples*

The Lord’s Prayer  
The Wesleyan Covenant Prayer  
Serenity Prayer  
Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi  
Prayer by Thomas Merton

#### *A.C.T.S*

Adoration – Give God praise  
Confession – Give an account of your sins to God  
Thanksgiving – Give God the glory for the gifts he has given  
Supplication – Ask God for help, but remember Matthew 6:8

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Ask – Ask God for help  
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