

shown. Ask the Father to glorify His Son through us and reconcile to Himself our neighbors, coworkers, family, and friends. Cry out to Him for this city and region to be a place where His name is honored above all else.

**Saturday, 9/2** Read tomorrow's sermon passage **Deuteronomy 1:1-18** and discuss the basis of God's justice.

Prepare today for the gathered worship service tomorrow.

Seek out God and ask him to give us His perspective on the world around us.

Pray for your neighbors, co-workers, and family members who are still strangers to Christ that they will be overcome by His grace.

## ***The Heart of This Relationship with God***

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

And now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. Yet the LORD set his affection on your forefathers and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations, as it is today. Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing.

And you are to love those who are aliens, for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt. Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. He is your praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. Your forefathers who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

# Taking Gathered Worship

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## Family and Individual Devotions

Week of August 27, 2006

**F**ather, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

*The Gospel of John 17:24-26*

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# Daily Devotionals

**W**hat does Jesus want? Have you ever asked this question? What is it that our King and Savior really wants? In this preeminent prayer He states it very clearly—He wants to be with us. He wants us to be where He is and to see His glory. He wants to take us home with Him. He wants us to see Him as He really is. He wants us. Do you know what it is to be wanted? We all want to be wanted. For the other kids to choose us for their team. To be welcomed and desired. Here we learn that the God of all the universe wants us. He longs to have us join Him. This week as we reflect upon that startling truth, let us pray that we would live in its reality.

*Please use the devotional material below each day this week to meet with Jesus. Please pray that we as a community of faith will learn His ways and walk in them to accomplish His purposes.*

**Sunday, 8/27** Read the context for today's passage, **John 16:25-17:26**, and consider what it is that Jesus says and does to encourage us in this trouble-filled world. What is our confidence?

**Sing** the song "O Wondrous Love" *Cook 1*

O wondrous love that will not let me go  
I cling to You with all my strength and soul,  
Yet if my hold should ever fail  
This wondrous love will never let me go.  
O wondrous love that's come to dwell in me.  
Lord who am I that I should come to know  
Your tender voice assuring me  
Your wondrous love will never let me go. *(Bridge)*

O wondrous love that sings of Calvary  
The sweetest sound this sinner's ever known;  
The song of Your redeeming Son  
Whose wondrous love will never let me go. *(Bridge)*

**Bridge**  
I'm resting in the everlasting arms,  
In the ever faithful heart  
The shepherd of my life.  
You'll carry me on Your mighty wings of grace  
Keeping me until the day  
I look into Your eyes.

O wondrous love that rushes over me,  
I can't escape this river's glorious flow.  
You overwhelm my days with good,  
Your wondrous love will never let me go.

**Pray** asking the Father to continue working His love in us. Ask Him to show us as a community of faith what that entails. Cry out to Him for our neighbors to believe that God sent Christ to save us from sin and death.

**Monday, 8/28** Read **First John 4:4-21**. How is Christ's prayer being answered? What does that look like in this community?

**Reflect** on what it means for His love to be made complete in us.

**Confess** to God your lack of love for Him and His people.

**Sing** *O Wondrous Love*.

**Pray** for the One who is in us to be active in making His name great in Portland, New England, and the world. Ask Him to use us in doing that.

**Tuesday, 8/29** Read **Romans 8:28-39**. What does it mean to be more than conquerors?

**Pray** for CTR as a community of faith to know the certainty of Christ's love.

**Meditate** on being conformed to the likeness of the Son.

**Sing** the song based on Revelation 4 and 5. <sup>2</sup> This is a foretaste of being with Jesus.

Heavenly hosts in ceaseless worship  
Holy, holy, holy' cry;  
He who is, who was and will be,  
God Almighty, Lord most high.  
Praise and honour, power and glory,  
Be to him who reigns alone;  
We, with all his hands have fashioned,  
Fall before the Father's throne.

All creation, all redemption,  
Join to sing the Saviour's worth;  
Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us  
Kings and priests, to reign on earth.  
Wealth and wisdom, power and glory,  
Honour, might, dominion, praise,  
Now be his from all his creatures  
And to everlasting days.

**Wednesday, 8/30** Read **Romans 5:1-11**. What does it mean to have God's love poured into our hearts?

**Meditate** on God's demonstration of His love for us.

**Pray**, "Forgive us our sins of disunity, O Lord: pride and jealousy and narrow-mindedness. Forgive us our sins of false unity: cowardice, apathy, and indifference. Make us one in genuine love and mutual trust. Make us many in gifts and talents and vision. Amen."

**Thursday, 8/31** Read **Psalms 98:1-9**. What it means for God to remember His love for us. How does it relate to His holiness?

**Sing** the song Isaiah 6:3 *Prince*  
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts *(sing 2x)*  
The whole earth is full of His Glory *(sing 3x)* Holy is the Lord

**Pray** "Almighty God, You have built Your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to You, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen."

**Start September in prayer.** Come to the prayer meeting *this morning at 6:30*.

**Friday, 9/1** Read **Deuteronomy 10:12-22**. Jesus prayed for what He and the Father had long planned—saving their people.

**Discuss** the relationship between Jesus and His Church.

**Pray** for God to continue to work in this community of faith and in His Church throughout this region that in all things His supremacy would be