

Make Me a Blessing

**1 Out in the highways and byways of life,
many are weary and sad;
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife
making the sorrowing glad.**

Refrain:

**Make me a blessing,
Make me a blessing,
Out of my life
May Jesus shine;
Make me a blessing, O savior, I pray,
Make me a blessing to someone today.**

**2 Tell the sweet story of Christ and His love;
Tell of His pow'r to forgive;
Others will trust Him if only you prove
true ev'ry moment you live.**

Refrain:

**3 Give as 'twas given to you in your need;
Love as the Master loved you;
Be to the helpless a helper indeed;
Unto your mission be true.**

Refrain:

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Consider the question found in **Psalms 8:4**. “What is man that You are mindful of him?” Man wallows in sin forgetting who he is and from where he came. It is sometimes hard to understand why God would even give man a second look. However, God does remember man. If you are in Christ the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit had set you apart for Gods kingdom. If you are in Christ the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit has sent you to minister to the world. Wherever you are you have been sent there to fulfill Gods purposes.

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.

Throughout the week we encourage you to use the hymn, “Make Me a Blessing” found on the back page as your song your prayer, and your reminder this week about what the church is all about.

Sunday, 3/11

Read: Every Christian has been sent into the world by Jesus. Look at **John 20:21**. Christ proclaims, “As the Father has sent Me, I also send you”. Christ was sent to do the will of His Father, the One who sent Him. In the same way you are to do the will of Christ, the One who sent you.

Pray That you would graciously accept the call of Christ and boldly embrace the will of God.

Monday, 3/12

Read: Jesus was the supreme witness. It was Gods will to send Him to fulfill the reconciliation of man with God. Through Christ, the one who sent you, you are given the authority to proclaim the reality of that reconciliation. This is the essence of **Acts 1:8**, our command to be His witness.

Pray For opportunities to testify to the good news of reconciliation through Christ wherever you might be.

Tuesday, 3/13

Read: In **John 9:4**, Jesus emphatically states that “He must work the works of the One who sent Him”. For Christ to complete the works for which God sent him was not an option, it was a necessity.

Pray For the same “must do” attitude displayed by Christ Himself.

Wednesday, 3/14

Read: In **Acts 13:2** men like Saul and Barnabus were set apart for work. **Ephesians 2:10** reveals that you also are set apart for work that God has prepared for you. The work prepared for you should be completed with the same attitude Christ Himself displayed in **John 9:4**.

Pray That you will not treat lightly, or become lax, in doing the work that God has prepared for you.

Thursday, 3/15

Read: In **John 8:12** Christ calls himself the light of the world. He states in **John 9:5** that He would remain a light as long as He is in the world. Now that Christ is at the right hand of the Father, **Matthew 5:14-16** instructs you to be the light of the world.

Pray That you would shine the light Christ has given you. That your deeds would allow others to see the Father and give glory to Him.

Friday, 3/16

Read: The life of Christ was a sacrifice of His will to do the will of the Father who sent Him. Likewise, you are to sacrifice the desires of your own will to do the will of Christ, the One who sent you. That’s the requirement of **Romans 12:1**, to “offer our bodies as a living sacrifice”.

Pray That no matter what you are called to do you will confidently proclaim, “Yet not as I will, but as you will”.

Saturday, 3/17

Read: Christ is the head of the church. Within this church, God has given us those who pastor and teach the church. **Ephesians 4:12** tells us the purpose of these gifts is to “prepare Gods people for works of service”.

Pray That the leaders of the church will faithfully guide Gods people, and that Gods people will faithfully follow.