

Nudges of the Spirit

Meditations for November 1st to November 7th



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Sunday, November 1st (All Saints Day) Revelation 7:9-17 / Psalm 34:1-10, 22 / 1 John 3:1-3 / Matthew 5:1-12
(written by Denise)

Psalm 34:3 *Glory the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.*

Just this morning at church I was thinking about this. With our technology today I could listen to a church service at home. I would never have to leave my house with all the services and conveniences we have. However, being at church with likeminded people glorifying God, does something electric to my soul. I was in the chapel during the closing hymn and could hear the congregation clapping and singing "Our God is an Awesome God." It gave me chills as the Holy Spirit filled the rooms with the glory of God!

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, when two or more are gathered in your name, you are there! How blessed we are to have a church family to exalt your name! Amen

Monday, November 2nd Ecclesiasticus 38:24-34 / Psalm 56, 57 / Revelation 14:1-13 / Luke 12:49-59 (written by Denise)

Revelations 14:7 *He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgement has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."*

Can you imagine God talking to you with a loud voice as you are sitting on the couch one evening watching TV? Would you take it seriously or would you carry on in order to see the ending of your show? We never know when the hour will be. If we continue to worship God and talk with him all throughout the day, we may not be as surprised when He shows up. I find that gratitude keeps me at the heart of worshipping God. It keeps me in constant dialogue with God all through the day and keeps my attitude in the spirit of thanksgiving.

LORD, we love you! We are so grateful for your countless blessings. Amen

Tuesday, November 3rd Ecclesiasticus 43:1-22 / Psalm 61, 62 / Revelation 14:14–15:8 / Luke 13:1-9 (written by Denise)

Ecclesiasticus 43:2 *The sun, when it appears, making proclamation as it goes forth, is a marvelous instrument, the work of the Most High.*

In the mornings when I wake up, I ask God to direct my thinking. I make the bed and do my morning chores. I then go out and sit on the porch and watch the sun come up. It resurrects right in front of me through the trees. This morning was particularly beautiful. I even took a picture. I begin by thanking God who created all that is around me. I am in awe of the beauty and the animals that show up in the yard. I, like God, say "It is good!"

Lord, may we remember to thank you for all the beauty that is around us each day. The sun resurrecting each morning gives us another day to worship you. Amen

Wednesday, November 4th Ecclesiasticus 43:23-33 / Psalm 72 / Revelation 16:1-11 / Luke 13:10-17 (written by Denise)

Luke 13:12 *When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity."*

I have a fun saying I like to say when I start getting into some self-pity. I say, "At any time, at any moment something miraculous can happen." I am reminded when I say that how many times in just my life this has come true. The woman in this story was bound by Satan for 18 years. In that moment when Jesus laid his hands on her she was healed. I have personally witnessed addictions being shattered. I have heard others speak about cancer in

their body that disappeared. We still have miracles today. Do you believe that at any time, at any moment, something miraculous could happen to you?

Holy Jesus, heal us today from anything that Satan has us bound with. We believe and accept this healing. Amen

Thursday, November 5th Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15 / Psalm 71 / Revelation 16:12-21 / Luke 13:18-30 *(written by Denise)*

Ecclesiasticus 44:13 Their seed shall remain forever, and their glory shall not be blotted out.

As I write this, Dolly Pardon recently passed away at 80 years old. I for one am grateful that she was alive during my lifetime. She definitely was in the limelight ~ so you can hear her songs, see her interviews, watch her with others. She was a philanthropist to many charities. Her Imagination Library was something she started with her father because he could not read and she wanted him to be involved. She was gifted and used her gifts wisely because of her love of God. Her faith was her driving force, and she talked about it openly. She knew God gave her strength and she loved deeply.

Lord, may your beautiful servant Dolly RIP. May we continue to nurture the seeds she planted and praise your name above all else. Amen

Friday, November 6th Ecclesiasticus 50:1, 11-24 / Psalm 69:1-23(24-30)31-38 / Revelation 17:1-18 / Luke 13:31-35 *(written by Denise)*

Revelation 17:17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

When we pray are we asking for things that are consistent with God's nature, aligned with his will? Or are we praying for things that we want and hoping by praying it will add a bit of superpower to our requests? Maybe the most powerful prayers don't have a lot of words, but instead asking God, and then listening to what he would have us do. God will put in our hearts ways that we can fulfill his will in our prayers if we listen.

Father God, speak to us in our prayers as we align our will and our thoughts to your will. May your will be done! Amen

Saturday, November 7th Ecclesiasticus 51:1-12 / Psalm 75, 76 / Revelation 18:1-14 / Luke 14:1-11 *(written by Denise)*

Ecclesiasticus 51:11 "I will praise thy name continually, and will sing praise with thanksgiving"; and so my prayer was heard.

The word continually, according to the dictionary, means happening repeatedly, over and over, or at regular intervals with short breaks. I used to set my alarm at noon to remind me to pray the Lord's Prayer. Now I have a prayer app called Lectio 365 on my phone that has daily, noon, and nightly prayers. I have also developed a habit of thanking God when I see a flower, a tree, a body of water, etc. Throughout the day we can find fun ways to sing praise to God. How do you praise God continually throughout the day?

Show us new ways to continually be singing praises to you oh Lord! All glory is yours! Amen

