

DAILY READING PLAN

Reformation

Week of October 29, 2017



Day 1: Re-Forming! Read Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthian 3:18, Romans 12:1-2

• Do you feel the movement of these verses? God's Spirit is at work re-forming us, shaping us into the likeness of Christ. Are you aware of this movement of the Spirit? Are you flowing with it or resisting it? What is it in your life that you would like the Spirit to re-form in you? Now spend a few minutes reflecting on Philippians 2:1-13 and talk to God about the things that need to be re-formed in you.

Day 2: Word Alone! Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17

• When you think about Scripture what emotions rise up in you? Do you feel intimidated? Bored? Guilty? Excited? Intrigued? What place does the Bible have in your daily life? What would happen if you thought about Scripture as a letter from someone who loves you and wants to guide you into living the best life possible? Want to change your relationship with the Bible? Consider reading Rob Bell's book, *What Is the Bible?*

Day 3: Grace Alone! Read Romans 5:15-17

• "There's no such thing as a free lunch" has been driven into our minds so often that it's difficult for us to accept Paul's words as true. In what ways do you continue to try to earn God's love and favor, or make God happy with you? What aspects of your spiritual life do you do, at least in part, out of guilt or a sense of "I should"? What would it look like for you to live into the freedom of the Gospel that Paul describes? How might that "re-form" your spiritual life?

Day 4: Faith Alone! Read Romans 5:1-2

• God's love and forgiveness are promises given to us. Faith isn't how we earn those gifts. Faith is how they become real and meaningful in our lives. Like any promise, if we don't believe God's promises they mean very little, but if we do believe them, if we have faith in God's promises, they change the way we see God, ourselves and the world around us. Those promises set us free. We no longer need to earn our sense of worthiness. We no longer need to live in the chains of guilt and shame. God promises that love and forgiveness are already ours! Do you struggle to believe God's promises? How would your life be different if you believed with all your heart?

Day 5: Re-Forming It All! Read Revelation 21:1-5

• God's Spirit is at work re-forming each of us, and therefore God is constantly re-forming the Church (because the Church is nothing more or less than us together). But Scripture also promises that God is at work re-forming all of Creation. How does this promise sustain you with hope in a dark and broken world? How might God be calling you to be part of the process of re-forming this world? Pray about that today.

PRAYERS

Pray for: Brian, Christine, Cheryl, Jacob, Harry, Denise, Muriel, Megan, Craig, Tammy, Sharon, Troy, Elaine, Marla, Bev, Paul, Dan, Doug, Mark, Greg, Andy, Barb, Bobbie, Benjamin, Caysie, Ryan, Grant, Andy, Cassie, Carolyn.

Pray for those with long-term illness: Sam Elsmore, Carolyn Raedeke, David Lehman, Mary Llewellyn, Scott Jones, Margaret Mazur, Lisa Leland, Rob, Naomi Edwards, Claude Johnson, Jenny, Lucas Lamontage, Sandra Jundt, Stella Mae Aaby, Janice Wake, Karen Axeen, Gloria Swanson, Chloe Checco, Jean "Yaya" Welch, Tim Ivers, Corey "Lovely" Samuel, Greg Wendorf, Vicki Nordaune, Bob Pelton, Emma Olson, Kerstin Bryall, Kathy G., Kate Drost, Evan Marian, Judy Wenner, Kurt Gartland, Dan Ward, Gavin Lyman, Judy Knutson, Bobbi Braun, Jen Cockerill, Mark Reinsmoen, Carissa Vincent, Adele Schoen, Sandy Brunen, Lorna Hansen, David Odegard, Duane Thoms, Sandy Robertson, Tami Allen, Bernie Wagnild, Maria Hurni, Julia Nicol, Doug and Carol Silkey, Bryan Akkerman, Ed O'Connor, James Alsip.

Prayers of sympathy and support for: Daena Parra & family, on the loss of her brother, John Rodriguez; Family and friends of Joan Bergie, as they mourn her loss; Judy Wenner & family, on the loss of her mother-in-law; Roger & Kathy Lervick and family, on the loss of their son, Bryan; Nicolle & Martell Dennis and family, on the loss of Martell's grandfather.

Pray for those currently serving in the military: Tommy Corbey, Andrea Keohane, Sarah Yetzer, Tyler Riley, Curtis Parker, Andy Klein, Tristan Purcelli, Brian Fedde, Colin Heintzeman, Maurice McKay, Dave Booth, Josiah Ellingson, Jason Wilck, Jason McClure.

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