



*Hamline Adult Missions – Experience, Resources & Service
November 10 - 17, 2018*



DAILY DEVOTIONS

Saturday, November 10 *2 Corinthians 9:12-15 (The Message)* Carrying out this social relief work involves far more than helping meet the bare needs of the poor. It also produces abundant thanksgivings to God. This relief offering is a prod to live at your very best, showing your gratitude to God by being openly obedient to the message of Christ. You show your gratitude through your generous offerings to your sisters and brothers in need, and really toward everyone. Moved by the extravagance of God in your lives, they'll respond by praying for you in whatever you need. Thank God for this wonderful gift.

Prayer- Gracious God, thank you for the opportunity to go and serve among your people in Puerto Rico. Open us to your presence and help us to share our time, talents and treasures so that all we say and do may bear witness to your great love. Amen.

Sunday, November 11 *Luke 4:1 (Following Jesus' baptism)* Now Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness...

Surrounded by unfamiliar sounds, sights and customs, we may feel a bit disoriented and off balance. Sometimes when we break out of our familiar surroundings and routines we are better able to see and confront fears, doubts and desires that might keep us from letting go and fully trusting God to guide us. How can we allow this experience to help us stretch and risk becoming more the people whom God has gifted and created us to be?

Prayer- Lord, you have guided us here. Present us with new challenges and opportunities to hear your call and discover the gifts strengths and potential that you have placed within each of us. Amen.

Monday, November 12 *Matthew 25:31-45* “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” (25:37-40)

Prayer- God, help me to remember that every person I will meet and touch today is your beloved child, and thus my own sister or brother. Let me receive each one exactly where they are, see within them the revelation of your Spirit and honor the gift of who you have blessed and created them to be. Amen.

Tuesday, November 13 *1 Corinthians 12:4-6* There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working but the same God works all of them in us.

Through our gifts we may express God's work differently. We are all joined into the family of God but we have been given different gifts so that we may touch different people. In our own way, with the gifts God has given us, we do have an impact on people.

Prayer- Lord, we give thanks for the gifts you have given us. May our hearts and minds be open to your leading that we may willingly share our gifts with those who have need. Amen.

Wednesday, November 14 *Luke 10:33-34* But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

We came here to serve, but how do we allow others to serve us? Where is God being revealed to us through those whom we allow to touch our lives and serve us also? How comfortable are we being led and served by those whom we may perceive as being “less fortunate” than ourselves? Do we recognize and honor their gifts?

Prayer- Lord, give us the grace and humility to allow others the opportunity to serve us. Help us to recognize that they too find joy and fulfillment in the offering of their gifts. Amen.

Thursday, November 15 Matthew 2:11 And when they had come to the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to him: gold, frankincense and myrrh.

It was not mere chance that the wise men of old saw the sign proclaiming the birth of the Christ. They watched for where God would be revealed and then responded by offering their very best to honor and receive that gift of revelation. Where is God seeking to be revealed in and through your life? In and through this experience? God is revealed mostly in the midst of everyday occurrences: the offer of a helping hand, a friendly conversation, a beautiful sunrise, the birth of a child.

Prayer- Dear God, you are always with us. Help us to pay attention to how and where you are seeking to be revealed among us. Amen.

Friday, November 16 Ecclesiastes 3:1 To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.

Why have you made this journey? If indeed for everything there is a season and a purpose, what purpose might this experience hold for you at this particular time?

Prayer- Gracious and loving God, help us to walk through this day, and each day, with our eyes and ears open to see and to hear what it is that you may be trying to reveal to us. Amen.

Saturday, November 17 Isaiah 43:19a I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

Our work, for now, is finished. It's time to just relax and enjoy the journey home. As we leave the project and the work behind, what are your thoughts? We serve a creative God who is always bringing forth new possibilities and opening new ways. What “new thing” might, even now, be springing forth for you out of this experience? Listen! “Do you not perceive it?”

*Prayer-*God of new beginnings, as this time comes to a close, new seeds have already been planted within us. Help us to perceive what new thing is springing forth and how we might join even more fully your work of bringing forth justice, wholeness and peace for all of your people. Amen.

Sunday, November 18 Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

How will you share the story? How will you describe what you have seen and experienced, what God has done and revealed to and even through you? Ask, God will show you the way.

Prayer- Thank you!

Canto de Esperanza (Song of Hope)

Alvin Schutmaat

Dios, de la esperanza, danos gozo y paz!
Al mundo en crisis, habla tu verdad.
Dios de la justiciar, mandanos tu luz,
Luz y esperanza en la oscuridad.

Oremos por la paz, cantemos de tu amor.
Luchemos por la paz, fieles a ti, Señor.

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.



Make Us One

WORDS: Carol Cymbala (John 17:22-23), © 1991 Word Music, Inc.

Make us one, Lord, make us one;
Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow
so the world will know
we are one in you.

The Summons

WORDS: John Bell, © 1987 WGRG The Iona Community (Scotland)

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never by the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let me life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Santo, santo, santo (Holy, holy, holy)

Argentine folk song (Isa. 6:3)

Santo, santo, santo,
Mi Corazon te adora!
Mi Corazon te sabe decir:
Santo eres, Dios!

Holy, holy, holy.
My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you:
You are holy, Lord!



Bring Forth the Kingdom

Marty Haugen (Matt. 5:13-16), © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc.

You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
bring forth the City of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

Refrain

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
grow in the Kingdom of God!

Refrain

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God!

Refrain



Caminando (We Are Marching)

South Africa (20th cent.), © 1984 Utyck

Caminando en la luz de Dios, caminando en la luz de Dios.
Caminando en la luz de Dios, caminando en la luz de Dios.

Caminando, caminando, Ooo
Caminando en la luz, en la luz de Dios
Caminando, caminando, Ooo
Caminando en la luz, en la luz de Dios

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, we are marching, Ooo
we are marching in the light of,
in the light of God.

We are marching, we are marching, Ooo
we are marching in the light of,
in the light of God.

Enviado Soy de Dios (Sent out in Jesus' Name)

WORDS: Anon.; trans. by Jorge Maldonado, Trans. © 1988 Abingdon Press

Enviado soy de Dios, mi mano lista esta
Para construir con El un mundo fraternal.
Enviado soy de Dios, mi mano lista esta
Para construir con El un mundo fraternal.

Los angeles no son enviados a cambiar
Un mundo de dolor por un mundo de paz.
Me a tocado a mi hacerlo realidad;
Ayudeme, Señor, a hacer tu voluntad.

Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes.
Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes.
The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O help us to obey and carry out your will.



The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

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The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.



Walk with Me

WORDS: John S. Rice (Exod. 3:1-4:20; Matt. 16:13-20; Mark 16:9)

Refrain

Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.

When Moses heard the call of God he said,
“Lord, don’t send me.”
But God told Moses, “You’re the one to set my people free.”

Refrain

Now Peter was a most unlikely man to lead the flock;
but Jesus knew his holiness and he became the Rock.

Refrain

Young Mary Magdalene
was sure her life
could be much more,
and by her faith
she dared to let
God’s love unlock the door.

Refrain

And when you share your faith with me
and work for life made new,
the witness of your faithfulness
calls me to walk with you.

Refrain