

to what the law demands,
obeying Him through them.
Thank you, Lord, for those who lead us.
May their moral fiber feed us.
May they be Your means of justice.
Until Your kingdom comes.

(tune: The Battle Hymn of the Republic)
Joshua 6:1-14; Psalms 30, 32; Matthew 26:26-35

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Monday, July 14

Pray for your pastors' families.
God's peace and protection.
A growing love relationship with their spouses.
A commitment to quality and quantity time together.

Romans 11:1-12 *So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. And if by grace, then it is no longer by works...* (vv.5-6a)

Abraham's descendants formed the Jewish race
as a chosen means by which to show God's grace.
Set apart for service, held within His hand,
God gave what was needed to achieve His plan. (Refrain)
Refrain: We're by grace elected. We're God's chosen ones.
Not by works or merit, but through Christ His Son.
We, whom God has chosen, need not feel afraid.
He will stand beside us when we are betrayed.
Though we are a remnant, though we may be few,
God has destined that we thrive in all we do. (Refrain)

(tune: Like a River Glorious)

Joshua 2:1-14; Psalm 25; Matthew 25:1-13

Tuesday, July 15

Pray for wisdom for your pastors.
The mind of Christ.
Godly decision-making.
Understanding of biblical truth.

Romans 11:13-24 *You, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, do not boast over those branches.* (vv.17b-18a)

I'm grafted in Your family tree and share faith's common roots.
And though I have no cause for pride, You let me bear Your fruit.
Amazing grace, that You, my God, should graft me on Your tree.
My wild and restless days and fruitless ways I thought would forfeit me.
You prune away what won't produce, so all You've planned will grow.
Each branch to You is worth the same because You love me so.
So cultivate my growth, dear Lord. Sustain me with Your life.

Remove the twigs that steal Your sap. I bow before Your knife.

(tune: Amazing Grace)

Joshua 2:15-24; Psalm 26, 28; Matthew 25:14-30

Wednesday, July 16

Pray for your pastors' ministry focus.

Clear vision.

Commitment to biblical priorities.

Remain true to their God-given gifts and strengths.

Romans 11:25-36 *Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of Gentiles has come in. (v.25b)*

God is sovereign in His doings. He has all things in control.

Those feared doomed are only missing. Lambs now lost will find the fold.

All God's covenants are binding. What He's promised He will do.

All who trust in Him believing will discover He is true.

God will bring about His purpose. We cannot disrupt His plan.

Though the Jews rejected Jesus, He is still the Son of Man.

Through the doubt of Abram's offspring, we've been welcomed as God's
own.

But a day is soon approaching when Messiah will be known.

By God's will we are adopted. All are sins are washed away.

As His children we claim favor that the Jews will know one day.

So be grateful for your calling. With humility give praise.

We should never feel deserving as we bask in mercy's rays.

(tune: What a Friend We Have in Jesus)

Joshua 3:1-13; Psalm 38; Matthew 25:31-46

Thursday, July 17

Pray for your pastors' health.

Protection of their body and mind.

An extra portion of stamina and strength.

Commitment to stress-releasing activity.

Romans 12:1-8 *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. (v.2a)*

Upon the altar of God's boundless mercies,
become to Him a living sacrifice.

Do not conform to worldly ways and values,
but take a stand no matter what the price.

Against the grain of popular opinion,
you have been called to live exposing lies.

With transformed minds start thinking with keen judgment.

Denouncing pride and demonstrating faith.

Think of the church as if it were a body
with gifted parts who long to bear their weight.

Observe God's grace in varied applications
and find your voice before it is too late.

(tune: Be Still My Soul the Lord is on Thy Side)

Joshua 3:14—4:7; Psalm 37:1-18; Matthew 26:1-16

Friday, July 18

Pray for your pastor's spiritual growth.

A heart for God and the lost.

Fresh biblical insights.

Personal devotions not related to sermon preparations.

Romans 12:9-21 *Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. (v.10)*

We have been called to love as Christ has loved us.

Not feigning friendship but being sincere.

Looking to serve not to seek self-promotion,
comforting those who have reason to fear. (Refrain)

Refrain: Help me to joyfully, help to faithfully,
help me to lovingly show that I care.

As I would empathize with those around me,
may I be willing to give and to share.

We have been called to love as Christ has loved us.

Forgiving those who have treated us wrong.

Finding new ways to express Christian mercy
as we discover their need to belong. (Refrain)

(tune: Great is Thy Faithfulness)

Joshua 4:19—5:1, 10-15; Psalm 31; Matthew 26:17-25

Saturday, July 19

Pray for your pastors' purity.

Pure motives.

Pure thought-life and faithfulness to their spouses.

Romans 13:1-7 *Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. (v.1a)*

The Word of God is clear
about the leaders in our land.

They've been vested with authority
according to His plan.

And it's clear God wills that we submit