RALEIGH COURT **UNITED METHODIST**

Columns

New Year's Resolutions:

First, set apart time in your day, more than once, to be spent alone with the Lord. Seek to perceive God's special care for you and gracious acceptance of you. Reflect on whether you are willing to choose Christ's holy laws and strict commands. Be sure you are clear in all of these so you do not lie to God! Second, uphold a serious spirit of holy awe and reverence.

Third, claim God's covenant. Do not trust in your own strength and power but rely upon God's promise of giving grace and strength. He will empower you to keep your promise.

Fourth, be determined to be faithful. You have given your heart and life to God. You have opened your mouth to dedicate yourself to the Lord. With God's power, never go back to your former way of living. And last, be prepared to renew your covenant with God. Fall on your knees. Lift your hands. Open your hearts.

Welcome Eric Anderson! **Director of Next Generation Ministries**

It has been great getting to know the people of RCUMC this last month and I am excited to start partnering with you in ministry! I want-

ed to share a little about me and my family so you could get to know us better. I am originally from Falls Church, Virginia but when I was in high school I would visit southwest Virginia in the summer to attend band camp at Ferrum College. I have enjoyed playing drums since I was a kid and it has led me to many wonderful opportunities throughout my life. Ferrum ended up

being my college of choice; I graduated with a major in Religious Studies and minor in Music. I started working with the youth at Redwood UMC in Rocky Mount while in school and after graduation continued working there full time, with children, youth and in many other capacities, for 15 years. I earned my Youth Ministry Certification in 2011 from Wesley Theological Seminary. Youth and children's ministries as

well as missions are where I most feel my calling. This is what led me back into ministry after a four year period of working in other

fields.

My wife Heather has always been

supportive. We have worked a lot together in the areas of youth and children's ministry. However, once our children came along, she primarily "held down the fort" at home. We have two children. Our daughter Paige is ten and our son Caleb is seven. We also have a two year old golden retriever named LuLu. In addition to spending time with my family, I enjoy running,

anything that has to do with history, traveling and cooking. We have combined a lot of these loves into trips where we travelled, took in the sites, and I competed in a race of some sort. Probably my most favorite was a trip to Jamestown and Williamsburg in 2017 where I finished my first triathlon and we spent time touring and experiencing the living history. Our family also loves the beach, especially Oak

> Island, NC; it is probably our kids' favorite place to vacation! That's a little about me and my family, in the coming months we look forward to learning more about all of you.

Again I am excited to partner with you in ministry! Eric eric@rcumc.org





Love God, Love Others, for the Transformation of the World

We are a community of faith called to 'Love God, Love Others, for the Transformation of the World.' To be faithful to our call, we are focusing our hearts to be 'Idiots for our Lord'. We believe worship is a spiritual discipline helping us understand who we are and how we can live according to God's call. For the next couple of months, I'll be writing about worship, praying that it will help our understanding of worship. Please let me know

your thoughts and feedback about worship!

Loving God through Worship

- (1) What is Worship?
- (2) Why Corporate Worship?
- (3) How do we Worship?
- (4) Worship in the Wesleyan Tradition Pattern of Worship
- (5) Worship vs. Service
- (6) FAQ

God created us for God's glory (Is. 43:7) and we are called to glorify our Lord. One way of glorifying God's name is through worship. Worship comes from 'worship' also containing the meaning 'worth-ship.' Worship is our way to express how God is worthy of all our praise. It shows how coming to the presence of God, and desiring God's will is worthy and takes precedence in our lives. The essence of worship is to ascribe worth. Psalm 29:2 says, "Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness"

One way of ascribing to God's worthiness is through our corporate worship. Don't get me wrong. I believe that worship is our lifelong call, continued every day and moment of our lives. However, there is mystery of God's hand working in our lives when we make ourselves available to this covenantal relationship. God calls us, as a faith community,

to come and worship God in the midst of our gathering through this specific congregation. God's presence is not limited to the church building. Jesus shares wherever two or three are gathered in his name, God's presence is there (Matt. 18:20). However, when we build a sanctuary, we consecrate the building. It comes from a Biblical belief that through the gathering of God's people, God will set apart space where people can experi-

ence God's working hand when they cry out to the Lord, as they praise and worship His name. Our Sanctuary becomes a meeting place where heaven and earth meet. In the covenan-

tal relationship, we ascribe to come and glorify our Lord through our worship at this church.

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Through our worship, God touches our spirit! We come from different places of life and with different reasons. We all however, come to the presence of God because we desire to see God's hands working in our lives. That was the prayer of Solomon at the time of dedicating the temple of the Lord (See full prayer at 1 Kings 8:22-61). He prayed that God will listen to the prayers of the people, who come to worship the Lord. He prays that God will hear the prayer of God's people from heaven and work in their lives. That is why we pray that our worship will be a place for the broken, both in spirit and body, to come to God and experience God's healing and transforming hand working in their lives.

Worship is a call for us, not to take lightly. It is a source for us to live out our call. I hope that the series of these thoughts and the work of the Holy Spirit will help us become a true worshiper to glorify the name of our Lord. (to be continued...)

In Christ, Seungsoo "RJ" Jun

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Watch our services when you cannot attend!
Go to www.rcumc and click "Watch Online."

Check out our Facebook page! (Sunday services are posted each week on our website.)

To receive the "Columns" by email or to sign up for our email newsletter "The Weekly Good News", just send a note to us at rcumc@rcumc.org

Prayer requests can be shared directly with our Prayer Ministry Team by emailing to prayers@rcumc.org.

The church office is open Mon - Fri 9am - 2pm.



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Mission Corner



Soup for Seniors

As you plan ahead for the new year, please plan to support the Soup for Seniors project. This program helps the Local Office on Aging as it strives to keep low-income senior adults in their homes and out of nursing centers by providing them food. Most who receive the soup, crackers, and other food items from this project also receive Meals-On-Wheels through the LOA. Without this help, some must choose between buying their medications and buying food. Unfortunately, due to federal budget cuts, LOA has had to cut back on its service to these individuals and has a growing waiting list. Please consider donating soup, crackers, tuna and canned fruit. We, at RCUMC, will collect these food items in the Gathering Area bins for the month of January.

Opportunity to Serve

Are you interested in participating in hands-on mission? If so, the week of February 4-8, 2019, come to the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul to help with the Soup 4 Seniors drive. Both individuals and groups can volunteer. The church is located off Peter's Creek Rd. just inside the entrance to North Lakes. Please call Aimee Lawson at the Local Office on Aging (LOA) for more information: 540-345-0451, or visit: http://signup.com/go/JPSNpvJ

SOUPER BOWL Challenge

Save the date! Sunday, February 3, 2019 RCUMC will once again hold the annual SOUPER BOWL challenge. Individuals or groups may bring their favorite soup, chili or dessert as entries in the contest. So, dust off your recipes and get ready to make your best soup, chili or dessert to bring to our challenge luncheon. We will eat soup together after the 11 o'clock service.



















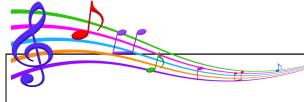
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Would you like to volunteer for something, but aren't sure how?
Just ask Terri !(terriu@rcumc.org)
She will connect you with the right people to show you the ropes!

Thank you!

	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27
Altar Flowers	Ron and Linda Johnson	Bob Mullen Carla Taylor	Sidney & Brian Handy	Sue McCoy
Children	n/a	Becca McConchie	Freeman Nester	Ashley Pratt
Finance	Steve Gross	Carla Taylor	Rob Vaughan	Mark Seiler
Nursery	Katie Coleman Vivianne Harris Sharon Hayden Zac Hayden	Michelle Adkins Will Adkins Becky Gee Keira Realmuto	Ronnie St. Clair Jenny Summerson Beth Watts	Vicke Marshall Chelsea McDaniel Angela Vaughan Julia Vaughan
Healthcare Worship	Allison Sadler	Shelby and Bonnie Dickerson	Cindy Hayth	Rachel and Dalia Downing
Liturgist	Danny Gee	Judy Dickerson	Kelly Silva	Louise Miller
Transport	Becky Gee Andy Thornton	Bill Gearing	Mat Talbot	Andy Thornton
Ushers	Kathy Arritt Ken Arritt Rick Bowyer Jason Murray Jim Nicholas Whitney Smith	Linda Bartlett Dennie Denison Sherrie Denison Stew Hubbell Steve Smith Andy Thornton	Greg Barrette Daphne Huffman Greg Huffman Jason Murray Lindsay Murray David Tanner	Shelby Dickerson Vivianne Harris Tim McConchie Steven Smith Carla Taylor Bill Taylor



We Are Going To Carnegie Hall!

Our Chancel Choir has received the honor of being invited to sing in a concert at Carnegie Hall with composer Mark Hayes on December 2, 2019! This is exciting news for our choir and our church!! We have 18 singers who plan on participating. You can show your appreciation for our wonderful choir by supporting our trip with a donation. We want to make sure that all of our members who want to attend are able to do so. You can either make a check payable to the church or donate online. Write in the memo line Carnegie Hall Trip. When donating online select "Music Program" for the Fund.

For more Information and to Support our fundraising efforts for this trip to please visit www.rcumc.org/chancel-choir. Thank you to all who have already shown their support!

Looking for knitters and crocheters!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to add to our group.

The Prayer Shawl Group will meet January 10th and 24th at 10:00 AM in the church library. All women are invited to join us as we knit and crochet. Don't know how? We can teach you!

For more information or questions, please contact Becky Gee at 989-6581 or email her at dwgrdg@cox.net



Beginner's Yoga

All are welcome to attend the Beginner's Yoga Class on Tuesday evenings at 5:45 in the Fellowship Hall. Extra yoga mats and props are available. Advanced notice of attendance is not necessary.

The rate is \$10.00 per class or a class card may be purchased for a discounted rate of \$36.00 for four classes (to be used within two months).

Gift certificates are available.

For more information, call Rebecca Talbot, Certified Integral Yoga Instructor, (540) 342-0545 or join the Facebook Group, Roanoke Hatha Yoga.



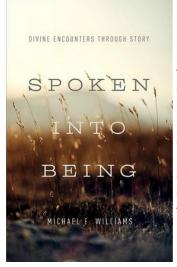
MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

January 31 - General Assembly Day, Bon Air UMC Richmond, VA



Ulnited Methodist Women

UMW Reading Program



Michael Williams explores the power of storytelling in our spiritual lives. Just as in Biblical times, stories can help us to capture Holy encounters and make them more real. Explore how this can be a part of your life by checking out this book from the 2019 UMW shelf. All women are United Methodist Women.

Ask Becky Gee about our three circles!

dwgrdg@cox.net 540-989-6581

Frances Allen Circle

The Frances Allen Circle will meet Tuesday, Jan.8 at the church at 10:30am. Many thanks to all who donated stamped Christmas cards for the Prison Ministry. 65 cards were delivered Dec.5. Becky Gee will host the Jan. meeting and Bonnie Dickerson will present the program: Mary's Song of Praise/Vision of Shalom and learn more about "chai" tea ingredients. All women are invited to join us for a cup of chai tea latte. (In Hebrew, the word "chai"means life.) For more information or questions call or email Bonnie Dickerson 540-309-0141 or s3b4dkrsn@verizon.net

Sunday Evening Fellowship

Sunday Evening Fellowship helped to host the annual UMW Christmas Tea on Sunday, December, 2, in the Fellowship Hall. Tia Graham from Bethany Hall presented an informative talk about the purpose, history, and current operation of this facility for women here in the Roanoke. Our members and guests brought requested items to present to the Bethany Hall residents. This facility is one of the recipients of the

profits from our annual pecan sale. Our members also hosted the monthly Hermitage Birthday Celebration on Monday, December 17. Our January meeting will be on Sunday, January 13, 2019, at 6:30 PM at the home of Lisa Pence. Plans for the upcoming UMW worship service will be discussed. All women are welcome to our fellowship. Contact Janice Phillips at 725-1358.

January 2019

Weekly Prayer Focus	The Lord's Day	Monday	
As another new year approaches, praise God for His gift of life and the gift of His Son, Jesus.	January 2	2019	
Pray that God will guide you through each day of the new year, as you seek to follow Him.	6 Genesis 16-17, Romans 6 8:30 AM First Light Worship 9:00 AM Connection Corner Coffee 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Children's Worship 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 5:30 PM BELLievers 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship	7 Genesis 18-19, Romans 7 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry	
Bow your head and close your eyes each day, and ask Jesus Christ to forgive you of your sins.	13 Genesis 31-32; Romans 11:1-18 8:30 AM First Light Worship 9:00 AM Connection Corner Coffee 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 4:30 PM Caring & Coloring 5:30 PM BELLievers 6:30 PM UMW Sunday Evening Fellowship	14 Genesis 33-35; Romans 11:19-36 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry	
Pray God will guide you to help those in need - the hungry, the homeless, the grieving, the sick, and those who do not know Jesus personally.	20 Genesis 49-50; Romans 16 8:30 AM First Light Worship 9:00 AM Connection Corner Coffee 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 5:30 PM BELLievers	21 Isaiah 1-2; Mark 1:1-22 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry	
Pray that God will guide, protect, and lead each of our church staff members every day as they serve Him at RCUMC.	27 Isaiah 14-16; Mark 4:21-41 8:30 AM First Light Worship 9:00 AM Connection Corner Coffee 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 5:30 PM BELLievers	28 Isaiah 17-19; Mark 5:1-20 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry	

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Genesis 1-3, Romans 1 Happy New Year	2 Genesis 4-6, Romans 2 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	3 Genesis 7-9, Romans 3 6:30 PM 1st Light Worship Team 6:30 PM Women's AA Meeting	4 Genesis 10- 12, Romans 4 6:00 PM Gear Up! Nerf Lock- In for Youth 8:00 NA Meeting	5 Genesis 13-15, Romans 5
8 Genesis 20-22, Romans 8:1-21 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting	9 Genesis 23-24; Romans 8:22-39 5:30 PM Mosaic Resumes! 6:45 PM JuBELLation 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	10 Genesis 25-26; Romans 9:1-15 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM 1st Light Worship Team 6:30 PM Women's AA Meeting	11 Genesis 27- 28; Romans 9:16-33 11:00 AM Friday Friends 8:00 PM NA Meeting	12 Genesis 29 -30; Romans 10 9:00 AM Leadership Breakfast
15 Genesis 36-38; Romans 12 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting	16 Genesis 39-40; Romans 13 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:45 PM JuBELLation 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	17 Genesis 41-42; Romans 14 7:00 AM Downtown Bible Study 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM 1st Light Worship Team 6:30 PM Women's AA Meeting	18 Genesis 43- 45; Romans 15;1-13 Winter Vacation Bible School 8:00 PM NA Meeting	19 Genesis 46-48; Romans 15:14-33 Winter Vacation Bible School
22 Isaiah 3-4; Mark 1:23- 45 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting	23 Isaiah 5-6; Mark 2 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:45 PM JuBELLation 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	24 Isaiah 7-8; Mark 3:1-19 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM 1st Light Worship Team 6:30 PM Women's AA Meeting	25 Isaiah 9-10; Mark 3:20-35 8:00 PM NA Meeting	26 Isaiah 1 1-13; Mark 4:1-20
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January 2019

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Chancel Choir resumes rehearsals on January 2nd.

BELLievers, our handbell choir for youth in grades 6-12, will resume rehearsals on January 6th.

The **Children's music** program for grades K-5 and **JuBELLation**, our adult handbell choir, will resume rehearsals on January 9th.

Wednesdays 5:30 - 6:30 Children's music rehearsals in the second floor music wing

6:45 - 7:45 JuBELLation in the Bell Room

7:30 - 9:00 Chancel Choir in the Choir Room

Thursdays 6:30 - 8:00 First Light Worship Team in the sanctuary with Mark Moyer

Sundays 5:30 - 6:30 BELLievers in the Bell Room

All our groups welcome new members! If you are interested in being part of our Music Ministry, please contact Debra LeBrun, debra@rcumc.org.

The Music Ministry of our church spread a lot of Christmas spirit in December:

- The Chancel Choir and JuBELLation, our adult handbell choir, performed at the Festival of St. Lucia Concert at St. Andrew's Catholic Church along with singers from other churches. A special treat this year was that some of our children participated as St. Lucy girls and sang a solo on one of the anthems.
- Our youth handbell choir, BELLievers, shared some joy with the residents of Cave Spring Place, playing some pieces on the handbells and then singing some favorite carols with them. They were thrilled!
- Our entire Music Ministry presented an awesome Christmas Concert that was well attended by both church members and people from the community. Over 60 people performed in the concert!
- Our children presented a beautiful pageant on Christmas Eve.
- The First Light Worship Team filled our early service each Sunday with updated versions of many familiar carols and also provided music for our early Christmas Eve service, which also featured an original song written by TC Perkins in collaboration with Debra LeBrun.
- The Friday Friends enjoyed a special program of Christmas music presented by the Brandon Belles and Balladeers from Brandon Oaks, which included a delicious lunch.
- Our Brass Group performed in the Grandin Village Holiday parade and provided some festive music for the Hanging of the Greens.
- Our worship services were filled with wonderful music of the season provided by choirs and instrumentalists.

Throughout the Advent Season there was music all around here at Raleigh Court United Methodist Church. Thank you to everyone who participates in our music ministry and thanks to all of our church members who support the music ministry and make this all possible. We shared the joy and spirit of Christmas with many people both here in our church and beyond our doors!!

NEXT GENERATION AT RCUMC

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G.L.O.W MINISTRY

Mosaic Resumes

On January 9th, we resume our Mosaic gathering. Every Wednesday, join us for a small group gathering for all generations and meal that follows. Every Wednesday @ 5:30 pm

KIDS G.L.O.W MINISTRY

Winter Vacation Bible School

January 18th - 19th, 2019

We will host a two-day Vacation Bible

School to share the stories of the Bible
related to the sea. Invite friends to this
time for us to minister to the community.

YOUTH G.L.O.W

Youth Fellowship Resumes

January 13th, 2019 @ 6:30 PM
The youth will resume their
fellowship starting on the second
Sunday of January. We will launch a
new curriculum for the new
semester. There will be other popup gatherings happening, so stay in
the loop.

Youth Nerf Battle Lock-in

January 4th - 5th, 2019
Starting at 5:40pm
Our youth will gather to start of the semester bonding with each other and Eric, our new NextGen Director. Bring your friends and nerf guns!
Cost: \$10 per student





We need your prayers and support reaching out to the Next Gen. Pray that we can connect and prepare our Next Gen to serve this world. Also, pray for us as we go through a transition of leadership.



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Current Studies

Sundays!

LEARN WITH US AT 9:40 AM WEEKLY

Angelus Chapel - **God's World and God's People** is the focus of our small group meeting in the Angelus Chapel

Room 102 - Our Women's Bible Study is studying "Anxious for Nothing" by Max Lucado

Room 105 - "Why?" by Adam Hamilton

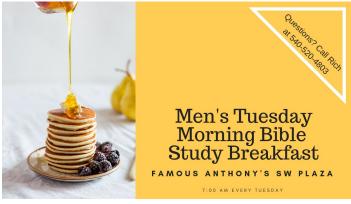
Room 307 - "Crash Test Dummies: Surprising Lessons from the Book of Judges" by Talbot Davis

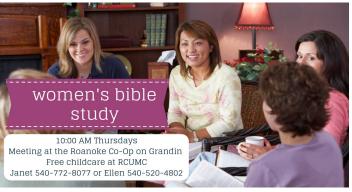
Room 304 - "Because of Bethlehem" by Max Lucado

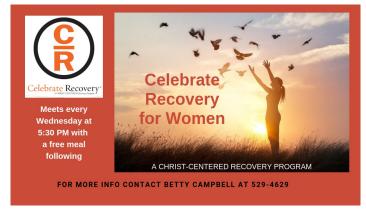
Each of these studies are open to all! Please join one that interests you!

Weekdey SIBLE STUDIES









Miller January 01 Roy Sadler January 01 Allison Jun January 05 Peter Charlie Dickenson January 06 January 08 Josh Crawford Addison Horne January 09 Janet Tanner January 09 Terri **Urquhart** January 09 Brenda Cress January 10 Oakley King January 11 Elijah **Tackett** January 11 Chris Landon January 14 Pence Larry January 14 Bill **Taylor** January 14 Gee January 15 Becky Matt Horne January 15 January 16 Heather Batty **Emily** Shockley January 16 Braelyn Handy January 18 Miller Louise January 19 Hazel Keller January 20 Karen Dale January 21 Seiler Georgia January 21 **Patsy** Wingfield January 21 Jesslynn Hayden January 23 Nolan Smith January 23 Kristen Budd January 26 McGimsey January 27 Caroline Mary Clair Suggs January 28 Elsie White January 28 **James Bartlett** January 30

January Birthdays

	Dec 2	Dec 9	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 30
8:30 AM Worship	59	20	80	65	36
11:00 AM Worship	139	snow	122	173	100
TOTAL including on-line & healthcare	203	50	209	243	148
Giving	14,468	1,823	9,999	9,196	9,365

Join us each Monday at 7PM in the parlor as we gather together specifically to pray. All are welcome each week.



Praying using ACTS

The acronym, **ACTS**, stands for a guide to personal or corporate prayer. **A** stands for Adoration, **C** for Confession, **T** for Thanksgiving, and **S** for Supplication. As you sit in a quiet place and prepare for a time of prayer, ACTS praying gives your time with God guidance and direction.

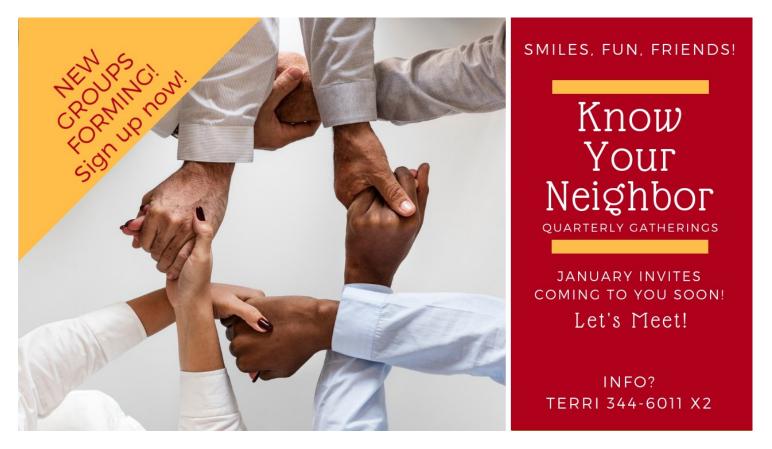
During **Adoration**, you praise God for all that He is and all that He does for you in life. **Confession** follows the time of adoration and is a time when you ask God to forgive you for the sins you have committed against Him in your daily living. A time of **Thanksgiving** is next and gives you the opportunity to thank God for all of his many blessings. Lastly, you finish your time of prayer with **Supplication**, as you pour out to God all the things that are on your heart. You pray for your loved ones, for yourself, for the world and all the many challenges and concerns of life.

Spend time in prayer with God every day and deepen your relationship with our loving Lord.



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