10-19-25 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

"Prayer is at the core of Jesus' teachings, as prayer is at the core of our spiritual lives.

Prayer is where our relationship with God grows into something real, where it moves from separation and distance into connection and community."

Jamie Nelson

"The words of God instruct and guide us; they fortify us on the way; they remind us that we are known and loved by the One who has created and redeemed us."

David Vryhof

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Luke 18:1-8 + 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Questions for Reflection —

- How do you live out your faith on a daily basis? What do you understand as your call to serve Jesus in the world? How have you known yourself gifted, empowered, and equipped to follow that call? In what ways is your sense of call in need of revitalization or renewal? What do you understand as the ministry of the laity in regard to the mission of the church? How might we as a congregation hold one another accountable and at the same time support one another in our various roles as we live into God's vision for the future of our congregation?
- What role does the Bible play in your faith life presently? How often do you read the Bible? Pray with the Bible? What passages challenge you? Inspire you? Comfort you? Do you have any "go-to" scripture passages that you turn to frequently? Have you memorized any of them? What scripture passages speak to you about where you are in your life right now? How might you engage God's Word with more intentionality?
- How would you describe your prayer life? In what ways do you desire your prayer life to grow? What will help you set aside regular prayer time each day? How might you pray as you pursue your daily activities? How can you turn your prayer into action? For what prayers do you still seek answers? What does it mean to be patient and persistent in prayer when answers don't come quickly?

Daily Household Prayer

Generous and Loving God, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today we celebrate your love and creation. Keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, each uniquely gifted, meant to be stewards of all you have graciously and generously bestowed upon us. Prepare us to work for you in ministries of love, peace. and justice. In Jesus' name and through the Holy Spirit who equips and empowers us to live into your call for our lives. Amen.