

Daily Prayer Guide

WEEK FOUR, October 25-31

Call to Prayer:

When Abraham heard God call, he rose without delay.

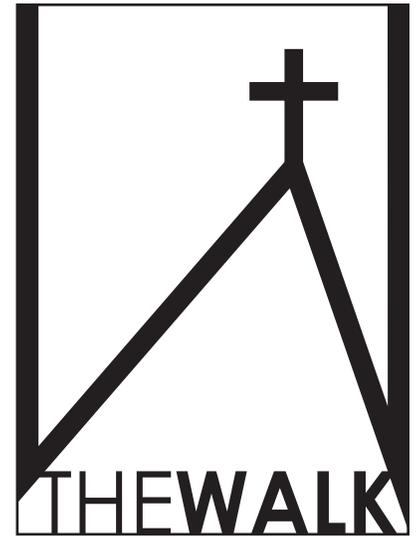
In faith he stepped out on an unknown path to a land he had not yet seen.

Lord, let our faith be equal to his

As we set out on a journey to which you call us.

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell my people to get moving. As for you, lift your shepherd's rod, stretch out your hand over the sea, and split the waters in two so that they can walk into the sea on dry ground."

Exodus 14:15-16



"...for we walk by faith, not by sight."

- 2 Corinthians 5:7 NRSV

Monday, Key Word: **MOVING**

Prayer focus: Have you ever suffered the "paralysis of analysis" – that everything must be cleared up and figured out before decisive action? What is God asking us to trust and not over-analyze? What keeps us from stepping forward in faith?

Tuesday, Key Word: **STRETCH**

Prayer focus: When was the last time you stretched past your comfort zone? When Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, do you think he expected anything to happen? What miracle awaits us when we stretch toward God's direction and move beyond our own comfort?

Wednesday, Key Word: **SEA**

Prayer focus: Water is the substance of life – amniotic fluid to a glass of H₂O – giving us life from womb till tomb. Yet water also threatens us; floods, tidal waves, and the deluge of death are all potential threats water holds. If the sea is something God opens for God's people to pass through safely, what openings is God offering us? In what ways is God taking the major obstacles in our lives and breaking them open for deeper trust in him?

Thursday, Key Word: **GO**

Prayer focus: "Go into the sea..." God is asking me to do what?! Have you ever felt like uttering that question? Imagine the challenge of hearing this divine instruction: go into the sea... What are you going to do with me, O Lord, when I get into the sea? Why not take the challenge away? Why command me to go into the very challenge I want to avoid?

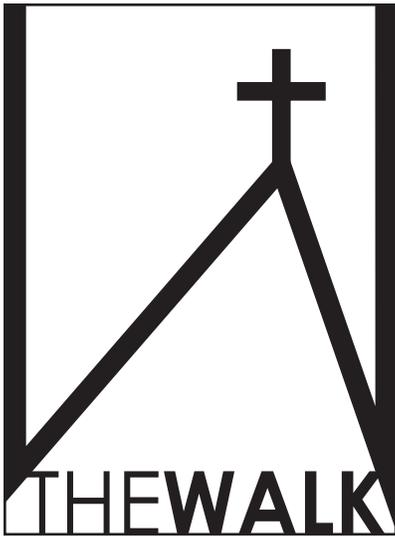
Friday, Key Words: **DRY GROUND**

Prayer focus: Have you ever faced a problem and upon reflection seen the ways God has helped you through it? Think back for a moment – be still and remember. Through what dangerous waters have God's power and peace held us? Give thanks to the Lord for this now.

Saturday – Key Word: **TRUST**

Prayer focus: In what decision I am facing will I trust more deeply in God's care and guidance?

Closing Prayer: Gracious and Almighty God, you ask us to move forward – through challenges and in the face of danger. Urge us by your Holy Spirit to trust not in our own abilities but in your eternal love for us. We trust again, O Lord, that you want what is best for us. Remind us our steps of faith are not guaranteed to be easy, but to lead us to your great glory. In your everlasting name we pray, amen.



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Over the next four weeks we invite you to join us in an intentional journey of prayer and discernment as we participate in **The Walk**. During the course of The Walk, we are challenging each other to “walk by faith and not by sight,” and one of the postures of the faithful is the posture of prayer.

Each week, there will be a daily prayer guide for you to follow. We invite you to enter into the practice of daily prayer with companionship: perhaps your family, a close friend or a small group of friends.

- Each day, begin with the Call to Prayer.
- Read the Scripture verse for the week.
- Spend a few moments meditating on the Key Word and Prayer Focus.
- Pray the Closing Prayer.
- Remember to leave room for silence and listening for the voice of God.

Helpful Hints

- There is no wrong way to pray! You may feel comfortable praying out loud with others, praying in silence or by writing your prayers in a journal.
- No amount of time is too short or too long. Take the amount of time that works and feels comfortable for you.
- The Daily Prayer Guide can be accessed at any time on the website www.stjohnsbr.org/the-walk-prayer-guide.

As we join together in this journey, there are opportunities to share how God is speaking to you during your time of prayer. You may share your prayers by emailing thewalk@stjohnsbr.org or by placing them in the prayer box located in the back of the sanctuary.

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