

God doesn't always answer prayers the way we want Him to. He also doesn't always answer them on our timetable. But if we continue to seek Him, He will always be found. In the exact way He wants to be found and it will be exactly what we need in that specific moment.

Psalm 31; Ephesians 6:1-9; Mark 4:35-41

Birthdays: James Applegate, Jackie Burkey,
Sara Peterson, Michelle Ucelo

Anniversaries: Bill & Coral Tischbin,
Hugo & Carmen Ucelo

Friday's Calendar:
7:00 a.m. Hour of Power AA
9:30 a.m. Life Group
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
12:00 p.m. A Way Out
8:00 p.m. AA Friday Nite Young People

Today's Ministry: Acolytes

Saturday, January 21

Psalm 32 *Count yourself lucky, how happy you must be—you get a fresh start, your slate's wiped clean.* (v.1 MSG)

When you've sinned as much as I sinned during my teenage years, hearing that my slate has been wiped clean is hard to believe! Then finding out that all I had to do to get a fresh start was get know this guy named Jesus seemed too good to be true.

I remember sitting in my first Bible study thinking that there must be a catch. And maybe none of the other women sitting around me had sinned as badly as I had. Their sins were probably forgiven, but there was no way mine would be. But the leader promised that there was no sin too big or too bad. I decided I had nothing to lose.

Twenty years later, I do count myself as blessed to have gotten a fresh start and a clean slate. I thank the Lord every day for making me a new creation and that the old has passed away! (2 Corinthians 5:17). Getting to know Jesus has completely changed my life. I finally have joy. I have been set free from my past.

Isaiah 46:1-13; Psalm 30; Ephesians 6:10-24; Mark 5:1-20

Birthdays: Gary Badzinski, Bill Barr, George Garcia,
Anne Griggs, Amy Wilcox

Saturday's Calendar:
10:00 a.m. Bible Study ONLINE
8:30 p.m. Not Alone Group
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Today's Ministry: Alpha Course

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Sunday, January 15

Isaiah 43:14—44:5 *"But I, yes I, am the one who takes care of your sins—that's what I do. I don't keep a list of your sins."* (v.25 MSG)

I don't know about you, but if someone asked if I could remember the things I had done wrong in my life I could pull out a list. The weird thing is that my memory of all the wrong things I've done is much clearer than the things I've done right. I'm great at continuing to beat myself up for my mistakes. I tend to chant them over and over.

Yet, God tells us that He doesn't keep a list of our mistakes, wrong doings, or sins. He not only forgives us for them, He remembers them no more. So, maybe it's time for us to follow Jesus' example. Once we ask for God's forgiveness we need to tear up our lists, open our hearts, and receive His forgiveness.

Psalms 148, 149, 150; Hebrews 6:17—7:10; John 4:27-42

Birthdays: Sarah Lansing, Katie Von Aldenbruck

Sunday's Calendar :

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Family Worship
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Today's Ministry: Stephen Ministry

Monday, January 16

Isaiah 44:6-8, 21-23 *“I’ve wiped the slate of all your wrongdoings. There’s nothing left of your sins. Come back to me, come back. I’ve redeemed you.”* (v.22)

Once I became a Christian, I turned into a strict taskmaster of my life. I created certain rules I had to follow to be worthy of Jesus’ death on the cross for me. I got so busy following my self-imposed rules that I grew far apart from God. I abandoned my relationship with Him for a legalistic lifestyle.

Then I went to The Glennon House. The prayer ministers there showed me that Jesus didn’t care if I was perfect. If I made a mistake, I simply needed to ask for forgiveness and walk back into his loving arms.

Jesus already did the hard part for us. He simply wants to be in relationship with us. So, if you’ve sinned, made mistakes, or walked away, I encourage you to accept his invitation to come back to him. Just come back.

Psalms 25; Ephesians 4:1-16; Mark 3:7-19a

Birthdays: John Baribault, Darrell Lester, Barry Stocker

Anniversaries: Michael Abruzzo & Peggy Wood

Monday’s Calendar:
 7:00 a.m. Hour of Power AA
 10:00 a.m. Praying Hands (1st & 3rd Mondays)
 3:00 p.m. Daughters of the King (2nd Mondays)
 5:45 p.m. ACOA

Today’s Ministry: Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, January 17

Ephesians 4:17-32 *Watch the way you talk. Let nothing foul or dirty come out of your mouth. Say only what helps, each word a gift.* (v.29)

Have you ever had words slip out of your mouth that you instantly wish you could shove back in? I was the queen of that as an adolescent. Although, if I am totally honest, sometimes I said the awful things because I wanted to hurt the person who was hurting me. That might be horrible to confess, but back then I used my words as weapons because I was wounded emotionally. Even at that young age, I knew that words inherently had power.

In the verse above, God instructs us to use our words as gifts that help and uplift people. As an adult, I had to restrain my tongue to speak positive words. I’ve learned to try and use the power in words to bring joy, not pain.

Each day, I say this simple prayer, “Lord, please help my words to build people up not tear them down.”

Isaiah 44:9-20; Psalms 26, 28; Mark 3:19b-35

Birthdays: Kim Higgins

Anniversaries: Charlie & Eva Lippincott, Wayne & Barb Cole, Jat & Leighan Talton

Tuesday’s Calendar:
 7:00 a.m. Hour of Power AA
 9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
 9:30 a.m. Life Group ONLINE
 12:10 p.m. Healing Service

Today’s Ministry: Sunday School

Wednesday, January 18

Ephesians 5:1-14 *Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn’t love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.* (vv.1-2)

Extravagant love. What exactly does that mean? What does it look like?

I had never been a witness to extravagant love until I visited The Glennon House eighteen years ago. My first visit there, I met a woman named Doris Matthews. From the moment I walked through the doors, she showered me with love. The love of Jesus flowing through her heart into me and every person who was blessed to meet her.

She was never too busy to talk with anyone. Everyone was always greeted with a real smile. She made everyone feel special. When you sat there talking with her, you had her undivided attention. You might have entered The Glennon House feeling lost, depressed, or alone. But when you left you felt loved.

Doris is what extravagant love looks like. She loves like that because she opened her heart completely to Jesus’ extravagant love for her and all of us. Will you open your heart to His love too?

Isaiah 44:24—45:7; Psalm 38; Mark 4:1-20

Birthdays: Ellen Safley

Wednesday’s Calendar:
 6:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study
 7:00 a.m. Hour of Power AA
 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 10:00 a.m. Life Group
 4:30 p.m. Mary’s Kitchen
 6:00 p.m. NAMI

Today’s Ministry: The Vestry

Thursday, January 19

Isaiah 45:5-17 *“How terrible it would be if a newborn baby said to its father, ‘Why was I born?’ or if it said to its mother, ‘Why did you make me this way?’”* (v.10 NLT)

As a teenager, I struggled with addiction and depression. I honestly can’t tell you how many times I cried out those exact words written above.

“Why was I born?” “Why did you make me this way?”

I really wondered if I was born to suffer, if that was the entire purpose for my existence here on earth. I lived in that dark place until I was thirty-three years old.

Then I found Jesus. He answered those questions. I was born because he wanted to be in relationship with me. And he had not made me an addict or given me depression. Those were a combination of genetics and poor choices by me. The best news was that all those years of suffering, he would turn around and use for his good.

Jesus turned all that bad into good by working through me to help other addicts and people suffering from depression at the All Saints Healing Ministry. Jesus doesn’t give us the pain we experience, but he’ll turn it around to do good in your life and other’s lives.

Psalms 37:1-18; Ephesians 5:15-33; Mark 4:21-34

Birthdays: Bob Banks, Paul Daury

Thursday’s Calendar:
 7:00 a.m. Hour of Power AA
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 1:30 p.m. Grief Support Group
 7:00 p.m. AI-Anon—Stepping Stones

Today’s Ministry: Ushers

Friday, January 20

Isaiah 45:18-25 *“I publicly proclaim bold promises. I do not whisper obscurities in some dark corner. I would not have told the people of Israel to seek me if I could not be found. I, the LORD, speak only what is true and declare only what is right.”* (v.19)

I think we’ve all experienced those moments when we don’t feel like God is answering our prayers. When it seems like nothing is changing in our circumstances even though we have been praying for a long time. We are seeking Him, but we don’t seem to be finding Him.

I was going through one of those moments awhile back. I kept getting one bad diagnosis after another. I was getting worse, not better. I was in my car when I cried out to the Lord, “Are you listening to me? Do you hear me, God? Do you even care?”

Silence. Then I suddenly felt led to look up. At that exact moment a plane was writing, “Jesus loves you” in the sky. I had my answer.