

A young girl with curly hair, wearing a white tank top, is kissing a woman on the cheek. The woman has her hair in a bun and is wearing a dark blue top with a choker. They are in a crowded outdoor setting with other people in the background. The image is framed by a white border.

Go and...!

February 24, 2022



Agenda

- Theme of the day – Prayer First
- Spiritual practices – Dwelling in the Word and Prayers
- Story sharing – Guests, Practitioners
- Encouraging action - Co-creating with God



CENTERING
TIME

LET'S PRAY!

EVANGELISM



...”is the simple act of sharing the good news of God’s love in Jesus and inviting others to trust in this love and join in God’s work.” ELCA Website

Call and Invitation

...”is anything you do to help another person to move closer to a relationship with God, or into Christian community.” Martha Reese - Unbinding your Heart



PRAYER & EVANGELISM



PRAYER
WALK



Dwelling in the Word - Matthew 6:9-13

⁹ “Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our
debtors.

¹³ And do not bring us to the time
of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

(NRSV)

With a God like this loving you, you can
pray very simply. Like this:

Our Father in heaven,
Reveal who you are.

Set the world right;
Do what's best—

as above, so below.

Keep us alive with three square meals.
Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving
others.

Keep us safe from ourselves and the
Devil.

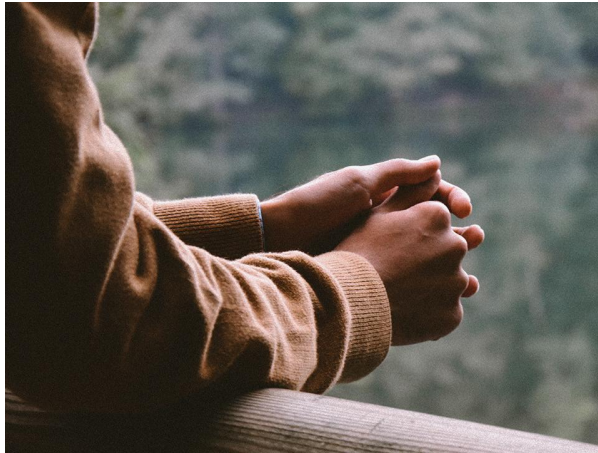
You're in charge!

You can do anything you want!

You're ablaze in beauty!

Yes. Yes. Yes.

Dwelling in the Word - Breakout groups



**Go
and...!**

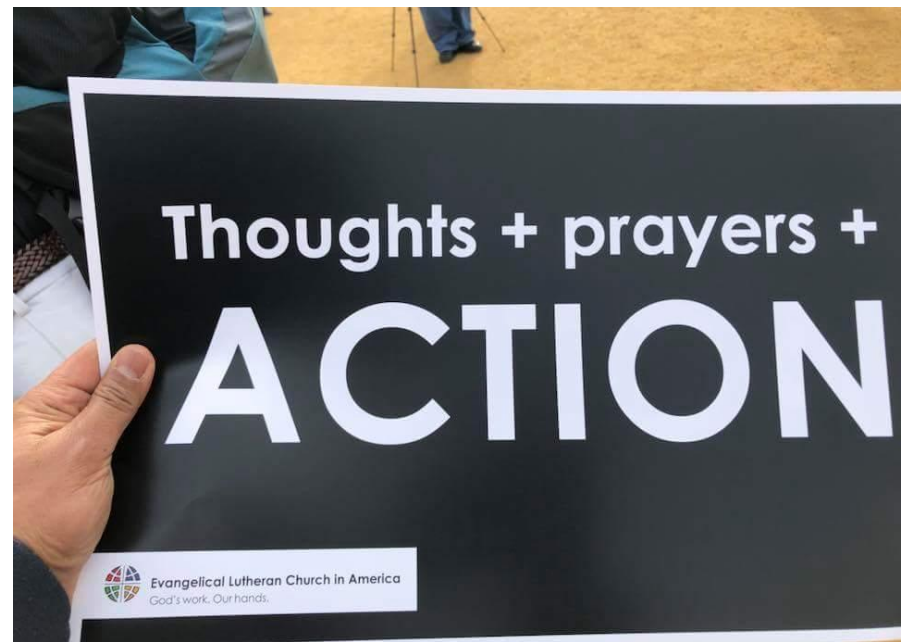
1. **How do you hear this scripture differently outside of worship?**
2. **How is this prayer relevant to your daily life, and why?**
3. **Pray together**

Dwelling in the Word



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**As the groups report back,
is there anything on your
heart you would like to
share from your experience
in this exercise?**



Prayer = Spiritual Practice that Transform Us



A Practice that Transforms Us

Pastor Giselle Coutinho

Bridge of Peace Community Church in Camden

Praying in the Public Sphere



1. Share a prayer practice that transforms you or your congregation.

2. What prayer practices intrigues you that you'd like to explore further?

Co-Creating with God

Listening Questions

- What keeps you up at night?
- Where might God be active in your congregation?
- What brings you joy?





Resources

Please share your prayer practices with us – send to maristela.freiberg@elca.org

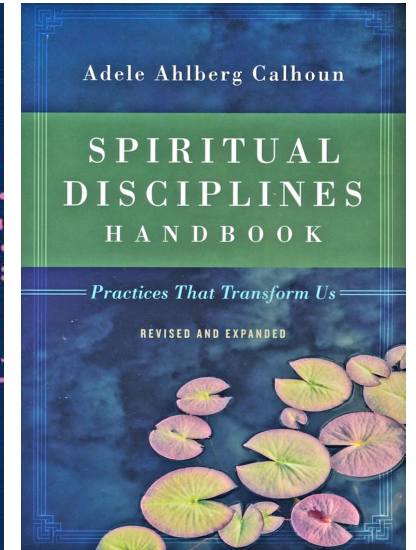
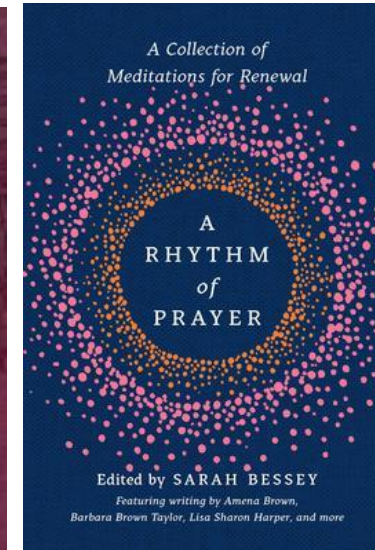
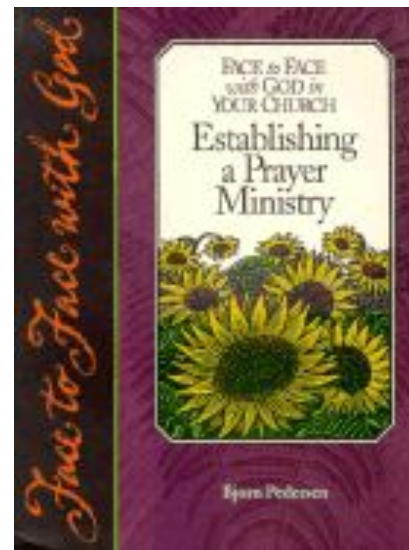
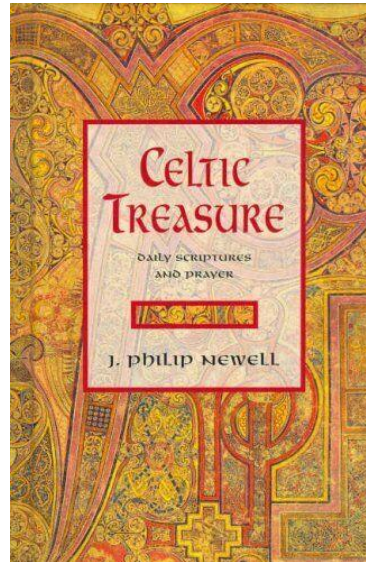
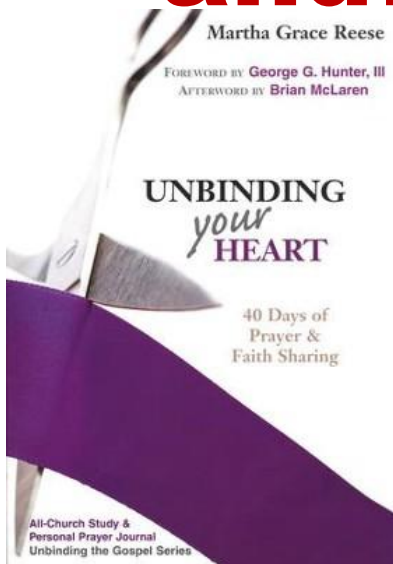
ELCA Website: [A Season for Prayer and Renewal\(1\) \(elca.org\)](https://www.elca.org)

Documents – [Five Ways to Pray with Your Body | Franciscan Media](#)

Spiritual Practices - Prayer Practices Booklet

**Go
and...!**

Books:



Sending



God is cracking open the Church to go and...

Pray

Listen

Try Something

Be with &
Love Neighbors

Meet new People

Serve & Witness

Join us for our next virtual gathering on Zoom
March 31st, 2022 @ 7 p.m.

A photograph of two young women of African descent kissing on a city street. The woman on the left has curly hair and is wearing a white tank top. The woman on the right has her hair in a bun and is wearing a dark top with a choker. They are both smiling and looking at each other. In the background, other people are walking on the street, and there are colorful buildings and a red awning. The text "Thank you!" is overlaid in the center in a white serif font.

Thank you!