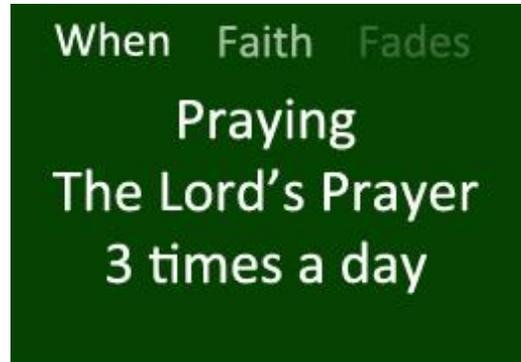


Everyday Life with God Weekly Resource Week of July 17

This week in worship we learned that when our faith begins to fade the best thing we can do is show up and trust that God meets us in the showing up. With so much anger, hatred and violence in our world this is a powerful lesson for us to hold in our hearts. What else can we do when week after week we hear and feel the pain of yet another horrific story of needless death.



So this week we are going to practice what was preached. Even as our faith is tested day by day personally, in our families, communities and the world, we are going to practice showing up.

12 step programs say it like this - "Fake it till you make it." Even if we can't muster faith the size of a tiny mustard seed, even if we don't know how or what to pray can we not still show up?

In Romans 8:26 we read these words as paraphrased by Eugene Petersen in the Message: *...the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans.*

So this week let's show up knowing that God honors our showing up and somehow our collective prayerful presence can and will make a transformational impact in the world, one person, family and community at a time.

Here is how we can show up in prayer this week. Collectively let's agree to show up three times a day, wherever we are, by praying The Lord's Prayer. Let's commit to praying The Lord's Prayer three times a day. Morning around 9 am. Around Noon. And then evening around 7 pm.

Here is The Lord's Prayer: ***Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be your Name. Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

We may not see how our collective prayers will impact the anger, hatred and violence in the world, but we can believe that by showing up with prayerful words we will make an impact. God will hear and respond to our sighs and aching groans.

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