

As you and your family enter into the summer months, you are invited to join with the FCCOE community in reading through the letters of Philippians and Ephesians. Each weekday, there will be a **song** to sing, a **text** to read, a **truth** to remember, a **prayer** to offer, and an **action** to consider. Together, let's adopt this daily rhythm of family worship so that we will be united in spirit and in mind, even if we continue to remain apart in body.

Also, on a personal note:

It is my prayer that this time would offer you opportunities for rest and renewal in your relationship with Jesus. I am praying for you daily. I pray that the Spirit of Jesus Christ would continue to cultivate the fruit of Christlike character in you: his love, his joy, his peace, his patience, his kindness, his goodness, his faithfulness, his gentleness, his self-control. Do not be afraid in these uncertain times, friends, but continue to conduct yourselves with gentleness and gratitude. The Lord is near. The Lord is working. He is bringing all things together for his glory and for your good.

Your servant in Christ,  
Jason Lawrenz

Song	Text	Truth	Prayer	Action
<b>Monday, 6/8</b> "Jesus Paid It All" <a href="https://safeYouTube.net/w/qCqH">https://safeYouTube.net/w/qCqH</a>	<b>Philippians 1:1-2</b>	<p>Jesus Christ came to <i>serve</i>, not to be served. Follow his example, and you will find yourself on the path to joy and contentment.</p> <p>Philippians is written by a man named Paul. Paul was a prisoner in Rome. Notice how he introduces himself as a "servant" - even though he is in prison! He could spend his time in prison thinking about all the things</p>	<p>Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of today. Help me to see myself as a servant today. Give me your love and compassion, so that I would seek to serve the people around me with a pure heart, wanting only to show them the same kindness that you have already shown me through Jesus. In Jesus' name, Amen.</p>	<p>How can you be a servant today?</p>

		he wishes he had in his life... but he doesn't. He sees that time as an opportunity for him to serve. This is a great example for us to follow.		
<b>Tuesday, 6/9</b>  "Before the Throne of God Above" <a href="https://safeYouTube.net/w/TNuH">https://safeYouTube.net/w/TNuH</a>	<b>Philippians 1:3-6</b>	<p>God will complete the work he has begun in you.</p> <p>This is one of the great promises of God: once you are a part of God's family, you are always a part of his family. If you have said "yes" to Jesus as your Lord and Savior, then your name is already written down in heaven. Remember these words from our song for today: "My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart; I know that while in heaven He stands, no tongue shall bid me thence depart."</p>	Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of today. Thank you for always working in my life to complete your plan for me. There are some days when I don't <i>feel</i> like you're working - on those days, help me to trust what is true more than what I may feel. Help me to trust that you know exactly what you are doing in my life. In Jesus' name, Amen.	Who can I remind today of the great faithfulness of God?
<b>Wednesday, 6/10</b>  "10,000 Reasons" <a href="https://safeYouTube.net/w/zpq2">https://safeYouTube.net/w/zpq2</a>	<b>Philippians 1:7-11</b>	<p>One of the best ways to love our friends that we cannot see is to pray for them.</p> <p>Paul <i>really</i> misses his friends from Philippi. They have been there for him during some of his most</p>	Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of today. Thank you for the people you have put in my life: family, friends, teachers, and even strangers and enemies! Please continue working out your plan in the world, and	Who are the friends that you wish you could see, but can't today? Can you be like Paul, and pray for them?

		<p>difficult moments, but he can't see them because he has been thrown in prison by the Roman government. What does Paul do when he can't see his close friends? He prays for them! (And he prays <i>big</i> prayers for them.)</p>	<p>in me, through those people. In Jesus' name, Amen.</p>	
<p><b>Thursday, 6/11</b></p> <p>"Good Good Father"</p> <p><a href="https://safeYouTube.net/w/5pg2">https://safeYouTube.net/w/5pg2</a></p>	<p><b>Philippians 1:12-18</b></p>	<p>Joy flows when we notice and celebrate the work of God in our own situation and in the world.</p> <p>It would be understandable if Paul were anxious or grumbling because of his imprisonment, yet in these verses we hear Paul rejoice because of what God is doing <i>through</i> his imprisonment. Roman guards are hearing about Christ; other ministers have been inspired to preach with greater courage because of Paul's example. When we are in difficult situations, the pathway to joy is to notice how God is at work.</p>	<p>Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of today. Thank you for the stories of people like Paul, Joseph, Ruth, and Esther - stories that teach me to always be on the lookout for how you are working for the good of your people and the glory of your name. It is amazing to me, God, that no situation thwarts your plan. Help me to trust you and your good plan today. Give me the eyes to see how you are at work, even through a situation in my life that is difficult or unexpected. In Jesus' name, Amen.</p>	<p>Who can you call today, and ask about how the Lord has been at work in their life?</p>
<p><b>Friday, 6/12</b></p> <p>"Sovereign Over</p>	<p><b>Philippians 1:19-21</b></p>	<p>Our hope of future vindication enables contentment in any</p>	<p>Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of today. Thank you for the hope that I have</p>	<p>How can you be reminded of the hope that is yours in Christ each day? What habit</p>

<p>Us”  <a href="https://safeYouTube.net/w/Aej8">https://safeYouTube.net/w/Aej8</a></p>		<p>situation.</p> <p>Seeing light at the end of a tunnel provides the motivation and orientation we need to keep walking in the darkness. In these verses, Paul exemplifies how the Christian can keep walking; he hopes in the future that is <b><i>his</i></b> in <i>Christ</i>. The light at the end of his dark tunnel - and yours! - is the light of Christ’s eternal kingdom, when tears will be wiped away, evil eradicated, and death destroyed. If you have stumbled today, if you feel the darkness is closing in, fix your eyes upon your future in Christ - and regain your footing. Christ has died, Christ is risen, <i>and Christ will come again</i>.</p>	<p>in Christ: that though I will experience trouble in this world, I can take heart because Christ has overcome the world. I look forward to the day when Christ returns to make all things new. Remind me of this future as I seek to obey you in my present. In Jesus’ name, Amen.</p>	<p>could you begin? What visual could you create or post?</p>
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