

THE PRESENT WORD

ADULT BIBLE LESSONS

W O R S H I P L E A F L E T S

The Lord's Prayer is used in most sessions. Refer to this page when so indicated.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray (*select a version of the prayer*):

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

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THE CALL OF ABRAM

*Responses are in **bold**.

OPENING SENTENCES

Genesis 12:1-2 (*FOWWC-A1*, p. 100)

As God set Abram, Sarai, and Lot on a journey,
God calls us to follow in trust.

**God is able make us more than we have been
and blesses us on the way.**

HYMN

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns
enthroned above,
the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!
The Lord, the great I AM by earth and heaven
confessed,
we bow before your holy name, forever blest.

“The God of Abraham Praise” (*GtG*, #49)

You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
your love shall be our strength and stay,
while ages roll.
We praise you, living God! We praise your
holy name:
the first, the last, beyond all thought, and
still the same!

SCRIPTURE

12:1 Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this

Genesis 12:1-7; 15:1-7

land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. . .

15:1-7 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.”

BIBLE STUDY

To be led using the Participant’s Book, p. 2, and Leader’s Guide, p. 3.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Genesis 12:1–9 (FOWWC-A2, pp. 20–21;
FOWWC-B1, pp. 104–5, adapted)

God of calling,
you called Abraham and Sarah.
You called a people
so they could live life in your abundance.
You also call us,
but sometimes we prefer to turn our backs to your will.
Forgive us, O God,
and grant us the confidence and the hope that we need
to follow when you call.

(There may be a time of silent prayer.)

Trusting in God's promises,
let us pray for the world and for our needs, saying,
Holy God, hear our prayer.
For all the descendants of Abraham and Sarah,
both Jews and Christians,
that they may trust in your promise,
dwell together in peace, and be a sign of your abiding love,
Holy God, hear our prayer.

For peace among the nations,
that your will may be done on earth as in heaven,
Holy God, hear our prayer.

For those who are poor and oppressed,
that they may find deliverance,
Holy God, hear our prayer.

For those who suffer illness of mind or body,
that they may be restored to wholeness,
Holy God, hear our prayer.

Individual prayers of thanksgiving and intercession may be offered.

Holy God, by your grace,
Stir up in us the will to seek out your kingdom
for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ,
through whom we pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray the Lord's Prayer found on page iii.

DISMISSAL

(FOWWC-A2, p. 23)

May God our Creator bless you
so that you can be a blessing to others.
May Christ bless you
so that you can be healers of a word that is hurting.
May the Holy Spirit bless you
so that you can spread the hope that only the triune God
can inspire and give to this world.