

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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GLORIOUS RICHES

*Responses are in **bold**.

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LESSON 1

OPENING SENTENCES

Colossians 1:15, 19 (BCW, p. 367)

Christ is the image of the invisible God;

In him the fullness of God came to dwell.

HYMN

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.

“I Bind unto Myself Today” (v. 5, *GtG*, #6)

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:24–2:3

1:24 I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its minister according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in

all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil and strive with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me.

2:1 For I want you to know how greatly I strive for you and for those in Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face. ²I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God’s mystery, that is, Christ, ³in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

BIBLE STUDY

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(FOWWC-C2, p. 281, adapted)

Almighty God,
through the Lordship of your Son Jesus Christ,
the powers and dominions of the world obtain their purpose,
and creation finds its meaning.
Reveal to the world the gracious rule of Christ;
end all enmity among the nations,
and bring us soon to your glorious, peaceable realm,
through Christ who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Let us pray together saying,

God of mystery: **encourage our hearts and unite us in love.**

(Col. 2:2)

We pray for those who must live without homes, without health, or without a future.

Stir us to action, O God of mystery: **encourage our hearts and unite us in love.**

We pray for those whose hopes are dim, or who have never hoped at all.

Stir us to action, O God of mystery: **encourage our hearts and unite us in love.**

We pray for those without access
to those things that make for an abundant life.

Stir us to action, O God of mystery: **encourage our hearts and unite us in love.**

Grant us all the riches of assured understanding
and guide us in understanding the knowledge of God's mystery,
that is, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

(Col. 2:3)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray the Lord's Prayer found on page iii.

DISMISSAL

FOWWC-B1, p. 28

Go forth with the assurance
of Christ within you,
comforted, restored,
and grounded in hope.