KAC WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

PURPOSE

We desire to develop inner life practices to put ourselves in a posture for being formed by God. This material is designed to provide a framework for KAC to engage in daily and weekly rhythms of conversation with God as we foster our relationship with Jesus: We invite, we listen, we respond, we speak, we bless. We practise these rhythms individually, yet together as a church.

APPROACH/HOW TO ENGAGE

This guide provides a framework for engaging with God in conversation. We hope its structure is helpful for building routines around prayer, scripture reading, and dialogue with God. Give it a try and use what works for you.

If your time is limited, try incorporating aspects of this into your day - perhaps the Invocation, Psalm, the Lord's Prayer, and the Benediction. If you miss a day, engage again on the current day. This is not 'homework' for you to keep up with but a daily opportunity to draw near to your heavenly Father.

DAILY & WEEKLY RHYTHM

This guide provides 5 days of guided reading, praying, and responding. A weekly rhythm can include a weekend church worship service, five days of conversation with God through this material, and a day to pause and reflect on what God has shown you through the week.

Each day this guide will lead you through five rhythms: Invocation, Psalm, Scripture, Prayer, and Benediction leading us through our conversation with God: We invite, we listen, we respond, we speak, we bless.

INVOCATION

The invocation is a prayer to open your time with God, to open your heart to Him. You are invited into His presence and you are inviting Him into yours.

PSALM

Psalms have taught God's people to pray for millenia. Pray these psalms with the Psalmist. The psalm may not express your lived experience today but may for other people around you and may reflect your experience at some point in your life. How does this prayer express the modern struggles or situations you or others are facing? How does its calling to God give words to what you or others are going through?

Consider exploring new ways of engaging with scripture such as meditating on the psalms through the music of https://everypsalm.com.

SCRIPTURE

Scripture reading is about listening and responding. Ask God to reveal himself to you. Prayerfully and slowly read. Pause and take time to respond in your journal. We are reading to hear from God, not merely for information gathering - go slow and listen!

- What do today's readings reveal about God? Respond in prayer and worship.
- How do today's readings apply to your life? Respond with confession and prayer.
- How do today's readings prompt you to pray for others?

PRAYER

After listening...this is our time to speak our requests to God.

We pray the Lord's prayer as this is how Jesus teaches us to pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. Amen.

We have included prayer prompts to be praying for family, church, community, and the world weekly.

BENEDICTION

The benediction will change weekly. We close our time responding to God with praise and worship or a blessing from Him over us.

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INVOCATION

Invite...

O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you as the day rises to meet the sun.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

PSALM

Pray along with the Psalmist.

Day 1: Psalm 16 Day 2: Psalm 17	Day 3: Psalm 18	Day 4: Psalm 19	Day 5: Psalm 20
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SCRIPTURE READING

Listen...prayerfully approach scripture...respond...

PRAYER

Pray the Lord's Prayer

Speak...

Speak your requests to God: the needs around you, your family our church, our community, and the world:

BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14:

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.