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Read Matthew 5:1-12

Meditate upon the 'Be-Attitudes' and pray that our greatest desire would be for God's kingdom and righteousness.

Give thanks for the comfort that Jesus' words bring to us in our mourning and suffering.

Pray for those whom we know who need this comfort.

Ask God to help with our care for our neighbours—that we might show mercy and live in peace.

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Praise God for Jesus' perfect righteousness and doing his Father's will. Jesus himself prayed this, knowing his impending death: "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39).

Confess our sin and failure to do our Father's will.

Give thanks for the forgiveness that Jesus brings, based on his obedience.

Read Matthew 5:21-26

Is there anyone, within or outside our church, with whom we are angry? Pray for forgiveness and reconciliation.

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Examine ourselves with regard to temptation to sexual immorality.

Pray for God's protection, and for his strength to be faithful to him and to each other.

Finally, give thanks for God's enduring will to bring his people into his place under his rule and blessing.

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