

Mission Hills

CHURCH

Home Worship Guide

Week of March 22nd

Prayer

Open with a word of prayer by someone in the group, if it helps we have shared below to short written prayer to be used in worship called a “collect.” You can read one of these prayers aloud if that is more comfortable for you.

“O most mighty and merciful God, in this time of great sickness, we flee to you for comfort. Deliver us, we ask, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Singing

Sing together one or two songs of praise. It may be uncomfortable at first to do this in a smaller group, but keep at it and you will find it rich and joyful. One way to aid you in singing is to use a YouTube clip or play something from Spotify or other music app. You may even have someone in your group who can bring a guitar or play on the piano. These are our recommended songs for the week, but feel free to do songs that you are more familiar with:

[Yes and Amen](#)

For Kids – [Fruit of the Spirit](#)

Psalm

Before your longer Scripture reading, have someone from your group read aloud one Psalm, or you can divide it up, having each person read one verse from the Psalm.

Read Psalm 23

Reading

During the next three weeks we will be reading together through the Gospel of John. If we read three chapters per week we should be able to read through the entire Gospel. Divide up the reading amongst your group or family and read through the selected passages out loud together. You can take breaks if you need to, but each reading should take anywhere from

15–20 minutes. It may be helpful, if you have the technology in your home (either on a television or computer), to play the [Bible Project video on the Gospel of John](#).

Read John Chapters 8–14

Reflection

Encourage everyone in your group to share a one sentence reflection from what they heard read aloud. It may be helpful to ask a simple question like, “What stood out to you from what we read?” Or “What did you learn about God, or yourself, or others from what we read?” Always encourage honesty in the reflections!

Response

Encourage everyone in the group to consider how this passage of Scripture invites them to respond. Was there a command to obey? Was there a practice or action step that we were encouraged to take? Was there something about God, ourselves, or others that we are invited to believe?

Prayer & Needs

Take a few minutes to share how you can pray for one another, as well as share any practical needs and ways your group can meet those needs or ways the church can meet those needs.

Giving

An important part of worship is giving. Encourage your group, if they are able, to donate to the church either online at www.missionhillschurch.org or by mail to 400 Mission Hills Ct. San Marcos, CA 92069. We are asking that all donations be directed to the GENERAL FUND at this time.

Resources

We have linked here to some helpful resources for worship in the home

[The Bible Project Podcast Episode 43 “How to Read the Bible Part 1: Reading the Bible Aloud in a Community.”](#) Listen on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, or Spotify

[The Bible Project Videos](#) and [Website](#)

[Read Scripture](#) App for iPhone or Android

[ESV Website](#) and App for iPhone or Android