

O LORD MY LORD, This is thy day,
the heavenly ordinance of rest,
the open door of worship,
the record of Jesus' resurrection,
the seal of the sabbath to come,
the day when saints militant and triumphant
unite in endless song.

I bless thee for the throne of grace,
that here free favor reigns;
that open access to it is through the blood
of Jesus;
that the veil is torn aside and I can enter
the holiest
and find thee ready to hear,
waiting to be gracious,
inviting me to pour out my needs,
encouraging my desires,
promising to give more than I ask or think.

But while I bless thee, shame and confusion
are mine:

I remember my past misuse of sacred things,
my irreverent worship,
my base ingratitude,
my cold, dull praise.

Sprinkle all my past sabbaths with the cleansing
blood of Jesus,
and may this day witness deep improvement
in me.

Give me in rich abundance
the blessings the Lord's Day was designed
to impart;

May my heart be fast bound against worldly
thoughts or cares;

Flood my mind with peace
beyond understanding;
may my meditations be sweet,
my acts of worship life, liberty, joy,
my drink the streams that flow
from thy throne,
my food the precious Word,
my defense the shield of faith,
and may my heart be more knit to Jesus.

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Wednesday – Our Supported Workers of the Week - Jeff & Kristin Viljoen, Campus Outreach –serving in Johannesburg, South Africa - Jeff is the regional director, where Campus Outreach ministers on four campuses in the cities of Johannesburg and Pretoria. Pray for them to have a healthy and vibrant team ministering on the campuses. Pray for 20 people to come to know the Lord in 2021 across the campuses. Pray for increased levels of sustainable, local financial support.

Thursday – The Persecuted Church & Unreached People Groups

Unreached People Group - Hadi in Bangladesh - With a global population of 1,034,200, the 56,000 Bangladesh are almost completely unreached. They are strict Hindu's who greatly fear leaving their religion. They are Dalits, the lowest status group in Hindu society, which relegates them to the lowest menial jobs, such as collecting trash and sweeping the streets. To reach this people group will take an insider movement. Please pray that the handful of Hadi believers would go to their community and share the good news, testifying to the truth of Christ and demonstrate God's love.

Friday – Our Local Ministry Partners -

Local Presbytery: Redeemer Church , Southern Pines, NC- Pastor John Kinyon

Local Ministry: Metanoia Prison Ministries – Pray for prisons still locked down and prisoners who are still struggling in every way – physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. For the 7 new correspondence disciplers and 4 new prayer partners to be blessed by their ministry to prisoners. Pray that God would bring new financial partners to Metanoia Prison Ministries. Pray for the Board of Directors as they seek to help advise and guide Metanoia during these strange times.

Your pastors and staff are praying for you! Send your confidential prayer requests to prayer@christcovenant.org