

Summer

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Prayer and Service for the Spread of Christ's Kingdom

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Daughters

of

the

King

Assembly



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Letter from our Assembly President

This is the day that the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

One very ordinary Sunday morning, I went to church and came home with a dog — a special dog who was desperately in need of comfort due to a temporary family medical crisis that left him cared for but without human companionship for several days. Alex was unremarkable in appearance, the size of a lab, mostly black with a white spot on his chest, a hint of brown on his legs, and bright yet soulful eyes. While our four cats were less than thrilled, Alex seemed unperturbed by their presence and rapidly settled into the household going so far as to make himself comfortable on my bed for the night. He simply left all his cares behind and embraced his new situation. Little did I know at the time that this dog was schooled in theology and happy to share his perspective.

Alex brought so much more than the companionship of a dog. Every day during his morning walk, I was struck by how he found new and interesting things to sniff and explore, even though we walked the same route every day. It seemed to Alex that each day was truly new, and each day brought something of interest, perhaps a fresh perspective (smell) on the same old bush we passed each day or a new scent on the lawn of a neighbor. Watching Alex's excitement and renewed interest in the same, mundane scenery we passed on a regular basis was an inspiration to view God's world with new eyes each day.



One icy evening, he made a quick assessment of the slippery conditions, sniffed at a pine tree, took care of business, and turned with searching eyes to my husband as if to say, "We go no farther." He seemed determined in his role as protector.

I still like to believe that Alex was an angel sent to me. Yet, I am reminded that he was also a dog and could happily counter-surf when he thought no one was looking. Indeed, he ate a whole bowl of Hershey Kisses one evening. Knowing the danger of chocolate to dogs, I sped into action ridding him of the offending candy. For months, though, those foil papers from the Kisses remained in my garden right where he deposited them—glittering in the sunlight like a silver lining--to remind me of Alex's quiet impact on my life.

Alex, loveable Alex, was with me for only two, short months before returning to his regular home, but in that time, he showed me the excitement of greeting each new day with wonder, and that has carried on over the years since his brief visit. He came into my life quite unexpectedly and rather suddenly, and he moved on almost as suddenly as he came, but he left behind a legacy that helps me greet each new dawn: God where will I see you today and what new opportunities do you have for me to notice if I just look around and sniff them out?

For His Sake,
Linda Hoover



Executive Board Mtg Minutes

The Order of The Daughters of the King
Diocese of Central Pennsylvania Executive Board Business and Prayer Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2021

Call to Order at 7:39PM

In attendance: Ross Fairweather, Linda Hoover, Susan Leake, Kristle Evans, Michele Marini, Barbara House, Alison Vedder, Susan Landin, Lynne McCabe, Kitty Mussett

Prayer of the Order was led by Ross.

Approval of Minutes from February 1, 2021: Ross made a motion to accept the minutes, 2nd Kristle.

Treasurer's Reports for March and April are accepted for audit.

Old Business

Executive board meeting

1st Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom or conference call

Business meeting and prayer meetings are on alternate months

Feedback on April prayer meeting with Wanda Stoltzfus: Positive feedback and board would be willing to try again.

Diocesan assembly parliamentarian – Barbara House

Bylaws committee: revised bylaws adopted March 20, 2021. Ross proposed that we use Google Drive as the storage for all documents. Think about making the change.

Province elections

Michele Marini is Province President effective September 1, 2021: Please pray for her and offer support.

Installation of new officers and call to prayer to be held August 6-7, 2021, possibly in person.

Spring diocesan assembly – March 20, 2021

Hosted by Harriet Lane Johnston chapter, Lancaster

New officers effective September 1, 2021

President – Linda Hoover

First Vice President – Kristle Evans

Second Vice President – Susan Landin

Recording Secretary – Lynne McCabe

Corresponding Secretary – Ross Fairweather

Treasurer – Alison Vedder

Feedback: Email Susan Landin with thoughts.

Daughters of the King national convention (formerly and commonly known as “Triennial”)

June 29 to July 3, 2022 – Hyatt Inner Harbor, Baltimore, Md.

Province III is working on bags

Theme is “Come to the Table” (based on Luke 13:29)

Province III dinner on 1st night, June 29, 2022 (will check this)

Begin saving for personal travel expenses

Chapters begin saving to provide scholarships if possible or if needed to defray costs for those who attend. Can ask for funding from Chapter and Rector, Diocese then Province.

Rector may have discretionary funds.

Next national convention will be in 2024

Executive Board Mtg Minutes (cont'd)

New business

Memorial contribution when a daughter in the diocese passes away: Alison made a motion to send to the Master's Fund a donation of \$50 in memory of Jackie Little. Motion passed. Alison will send \$25 to each fund as well.

Chapter election updates

Reminder: If the chapter president is a diocesan officer, the chapter vice president should attend executive board meetings.

Fall diocesan assembly

Hosted by York, planning to be in person

October 9, 2021

Installation of new officers

Summer diocesan meeting schedule

May – business meeting

June - prayer meeting

July – no meeting

August – business meeting

Diocesan Assembly Leadership Instruction (DALI) Workshop, part of DOK's National Enrichment Program. Kathy Paulo would like to run one for our Assembly.

National Day of Prayer – May 6, 2021

Thy Kingdom Come

May 13 to May 23, 2021

Doknational.org under calendar

<https://Thykingdomcome.global>

Please register.

National dues are due September 1, 2021.

Barbara House made a motion to adjourn at 8:42 PM and Ross seconded.

Minutes faithfully submitted, Kitty Mussett, Recording Secretary

Our 2021 Fall Assembly will be hosted by the Apostles for Christ Chapter at St John's in York, PA on **Saturday, October 9th**. Mark your calendar!



Save the Date
Triennial 2022
June 22nd - 26th, 2022
Hyatt Regency Baltimore



Parliamentarian

parliamentarian (noun)

[pahr-luh-men-**tair**-ee-uhn, -muhn- or, sometimes, pahrl-yuh-]

Definition: a person who is expert in the formal rules and procedures of deliberative assemblies and other formal organizations.

Barbara House has graciously volunteered to be our Parliamentarian! This is a perfect example of taking inspiration from our Motto to do God's work. Barbara acknowledged that she's never been a parliamentarian before. She is in the process of learning about Roberts' Rules of Order as well as our bylaws. In her role, she participates in our monthly executive board meetings and assemblies to ensure we are doing it right. Thank you, Barbara!



Next week, the national office will be creating FY21 dues invoices. Daughters who are current in their dues and have a valid email address on file will receive an email.

The process to pay online is simple and secure. Daughters can click on the first link in the email to pay her dues invoice. Also, after June 25, the invoice will be in her profile to access. If she prefers, she can mail a check to the national office with her member number on the memo line.

DOK Motto

For His Sake...

I am but one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything,

but I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do.

What I ought to do,

by the grace of God I will do.

Lord, what will you have me do?



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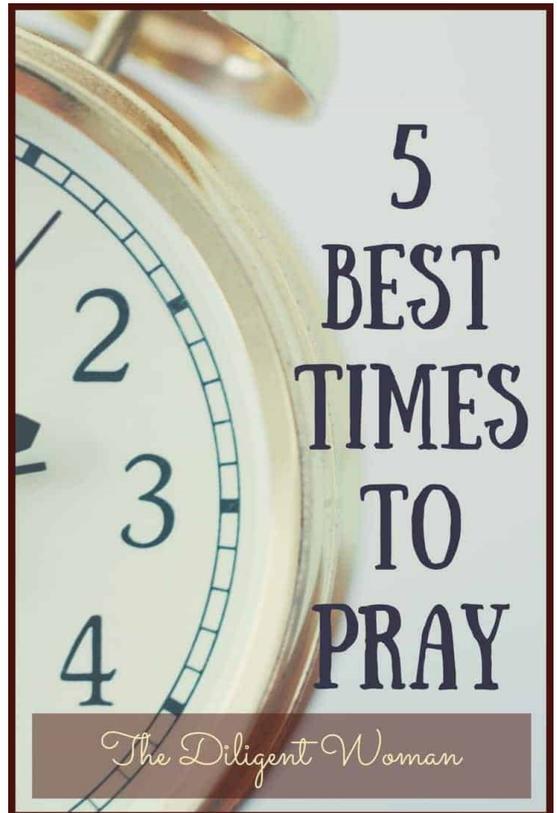
Five Best Times to Pray

[5 Best Times to Pray](#) | [Focus on Prayer](#) | [Diligent Woman's Prayer Journal \(thediligentwoman.com\)](#)

This is something I struggled with: confidence in my prayer life. I absolutely have confidence in God's ability to answer. No, my struggle was with feeling as though I was making use of prayer the way He intends. Do you ever struggle with that?

Most days, my prayer is an ongoing one. I wake up talking to Him – thankful for the day, thankful for the opportunity to bring glory to Him, asking for help as I begin, praying for the girls as they start their day, for my hubby as he goes off to work, etc. It's a stream of consciousness. He is right there and I am very aware.

BUT, reading in scripture, there are some examples of those who gave designated time and FOCUS ([my word of the year](#)) to their prayer time. I am studying to learn more about prayer, so that my prayers may be more effective () to their prayer time. I am studying to learn more about prayer, so that my prayers may be more effective (Jam. 5:16). In my study so far, I have found some examples of focused prayer. I'd like to share some that I have grouped into these five best times to pray:



1. Morning, Noon, and Night

- Daniel 6 records the incident of Daniel being put into the lion's den. What put him into the lion's den was his commitment to prayer "three times a day".
- In Psalm 55:16, David shares that he takes his troubles to God "evening and morning and at noon" and knows God will hear his voice.
- The writer of Psalm 119 makes reference to getting up at midnight (Ps. 119:62), rising before dawn (Ps. 119:147), and offering praise "seven times a day" (Ps. 119:164).
- Jesus got up "in the early morning" to pray (Mk. 1:35) and He spent all night in prayer before choosing His twelve apostles (Lk. 6:6-16).

Peter and John went to the temple at the "hour of prayer" (Acts 3:1).

A best time to pray is any specific time of the day one gives to prayer – for any reason.

Five Best Times to Pray (cont'd)

2. When We are Thankful

- Philippians 4:6 tells us to give thanks in everything “by prayer and supplication” as our way to let “requests be made known to God.”
- In the example of Daniel, after reading the decree that would condemn him, he went back to his room and “gave thanks” before God (Dan. 6:10).
- Jesus gave thanks for the food when He fed 4,000 plus people (Mt. 15:36) and when He partook of the bread and the fruit of the vine (Mt. 26:26-27).
- Paul gave thanks for the food while shipwrecked in the Adriatic sea (Acts 27:35)
- offering praise by giving thanks to God (Heb. 13:15)

Ephesians 5:20 says, “always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father”.

So we can pray when we are thankful. It is easy to pray our thanks to God when we have it. But we should also work to ALWAYS be thankful for all things – and then express that often in prayer. Reminding ourselves to be thankful for all things all the time, is harder.

3. When We are Needing Strength

- Psalm 22:19-21 is part of David’s prayer to God to deliver the support He promises those who love Him.
- Psalm 28:6-9 is part of another Psalm of David’s, in it he acknowledges that God is his strength and his shield and gives thanks for it.
- In Psalm 17 David knows God will hear his prayer and in this prayer David recognizes that keeping to God’s ways has provided protection and asks for that protection to continue.
- Psalm 23 speaks of the loving care and protection that comes from the Lord.
- In Philippians 4:10-13 Paul expresses how he finds his strength through the Lord and because of it he can suffer anything that comes in the name of the gospel.

Paul speaks of God’s comfort when he was depressed (2 Cor. 7:6-7).

Five Best Times to Pray (cont'd)

4. When Others Have Needs

- James 5:16 "Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.
- Paul asked for brethren to pray for him and his companions as they spread the gospel for the Lord (1 Thess. 5:25)
- John prayed that the brethren would prosper in all respects – physical things and good health to the same degree that their souls prospered (3 Jn. 2)
- Paul often prayed for the spiritual and physical well-fare of the brethren (Eph. 3:14-19; Phil. 2:19-30; 2 Cor. 13:7-9; 2 Thess. 1:11)

Pray when others are ill (James 5:14; 2 Sam. 12:16-23).

5. When Recognizing God Around You

- Psalm 8 recognizes God's majesty based on what David saw in the creation around him.
- Psalm 9:1-2 "I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonders. I will be glad and exult in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High."
- Psalm 106:1 gives thanks for His mercy.

Psalm 107:8 gives thanks for His goodness and for His wonderful works.

The conclusion is the best times to pray are ANYTIME and we should be praying ALL of the time.

1 Thessalonians 5:16 says quite simply, "pray without ceasing". The author of Psalm 119 says, "seven times a day I praise You, because of Your righteous ordinances" (Ps. 119:164) and then He says in Psalm 119:62 that he rises at midnight to offer thanks. One who belongs to the Lord can approach Him with confidence to pray for needs to be met, ours and others, pray for strength, give thanks for all things, and to offer praise for all the things He has done. Do not hold back. Do not wait for a better time. Just. Pray. Thinking about it too much is thinking too much about self. I need to remember to get out of my own way and just freely PRAY.



Prayers



The Prayer of the Order

O Eternal Father, you have sent us your Son to teach us things pertaining to your heavenly Kingdom.

Give your blessing to our Order wherever it may be throughout the world.

Grant that we, your Daughters, ever may discern your truth and bear the cross through the battles of our earthly life.

Give us strength to overcome temptation and the grace to work to spread your Kingdom and to gather your scattered sheep within your fold.

Pour out upon us the sevenfold gift of the Holy Spirit that we may always remember it is your work we are called to do, that all we think, do or say may be pleasing in your sight.

We ask it all For His Sake, our King and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers

Tomorrow Came

Tomorrow came, I chose to wake
Wake up and live, and face the past
Such fear has chained my heart
And torn my hopes apart
Today, I'm rising up, I won't go back
I will not watch my life burn out
I'll push away despair
And let Your love live there

I'll sing with the freedom that is born in truth
And move with the rhythm that I've found in You
New melodies will be born as I rest in Your love

Tomorrow came, I found a place
To rest and pour my story out
I felt afraid to share
And lay my hatred bare
Today, I'm rising up
I'm stronger now
I know that I am not alone
I'll push away the shame
And find I live again

(Chorus)

Coda (over chorus chords)

So when you're broken, your wounds left open
Love longs to heal you, restore your beauty
For Heaven hears us, our fears draws near us
Our minds restoring, our trust rebuilding

Our pain is taken, our shame is falling
And tears are feeling, our grief finds healing
New hope comes calling, new life is dawning
Our fears draws near us, our minds restoring

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Father,
You have always placed
before me
opportunities.
Some I have not seen,
some I have ignored,
and some I have been
afraid of.
Now is the time for me
to start taking
advantage of the doors
You have opened for
me.
I will set aside any fears
I may have as I move
towards what You have
waiting for me.
Knowing You always
walk with me is of great
comfort to me and
strengthens me while I
am on my journey.
Amen.

by Elmer Layden

Prayers (cont'd)

Father God,

Together we come before You with empathetic and full hearts to pray for the anxious. Lord, we know that anxiety is not of You, but it is something that throws us like waves in a storm. Help us to cast our anxieties and cares upon You ([1 Peter 5:7](#)). As we all take those first steps back into the world after such a season of isolation and fear, we pray that each and every one of us would feel Your presence. Embrace us with Your peace as You calm the waves. May we breathe in Your peace and exhale our worry. Help us to step into this upcoming season with firm steps knowing You are with us forever.

In Jesus Name, Amen



Prayer for a New Beginning

Lord,

At the beginning of this new day, I offer you my life.

Come take my voice, may the words I speak be filled with encouragement and goodness.

Come take my hands, may the work they create be generous and giving.

Come take my feet, may the journeys I walk be led by your Spirit within.

Come take my life Lord, for I love your goodness, your kindness and your leading.

Amen.

Read more: https://www.prayerscapes.com/FilmPages/prayer_for_new_beginning.html#ixzz6xUPRbCAF

Prayers (cont'd)

Father,

You are full of grace and complete forgiveness. Help me to walk forward from this day. Thank you that right now I can enter into a new dawn, a fresh start, and a new freedom.

You turn the pages of my life and wash each day clean. Help me to feel that I can learn from the past in your safe arms and move on. Thank you that I can write a new story on a fresh page. With you I find vision and hope again.

Thank you for the price that you paid that I always have a chance to begin again with you.

Amen.

(a prayer for a new start from www.lords-prayer-words.com)