

**Friday**, August 23 Read [\*Isaiah 46:4\*](#)

The providence of God is seen throughout Isaiah. The Lord has committed himself to take care of us if we simply trust and obey him. Since we know this about God's character (that he is faithful and kind), we can trust him to provide for all our needs ([\*Philippians 4:19\*](#)). Read the following verses on God's provisions: [\*Isaiah 43:2, 18-21; 54:17\*](#). Choose one that you can meditate on and memorize. Use it whenever you are tempted to doubt that God will take care of you.

**Friday: Pray for Our Missionaries**

**Juan & Adriana Palacios** (Angola, Africa), **David & Miriam Trott** (Cochabamba, Bolivia), **Mario Bloise** (Argentina), **Dan & DeAnn Gerard** (San Antonio, TX), , **Craig & Shelly Shafer** (Sentani, Indonesia), **Sue Saunders** (Bosnia), **Matt and Becky Kooi** (Tijuana), **Daniel Jezowski** (Wycliffe), **Andrew & Sara Williams** (Ethnos360), **Brad and Christa Babjack** (University of West Virginia), **Salomon and Megan Guzman** (Tijuana), **Alvaro and Rachel Garriga** (Central Asia), **William and Salma Garcia** (Tijuana church plant)

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Be the CHURCH is DISCIPLESHIP

**Spiritual Disciplines Guide:**

- *Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reading each day.*
- *Read the chapters and underline any meaningful verses and take note of specific advice or wisdom gleaned from your reading.*
- *Note any unclear passages or teaching and seek insight, answers or help.*
- *Think about what you're reading. Ask:*
  1. *How does this apply to me?*
  2. *Are there any temptations to avoid, sins to confess, commands to obey or promises to claim?*
  3. *What insight do I gain on God, myself, others, or life?*
- *Ask God to show you any specific action you need to take as you read.*

We finish our summer study of Isaiah this week by focusing on five themes from the book -- Repentance, Trust, Righteousness, Peace and Providence. Each day we will look at a key passage from Isaiah, along with some alternate verses that represent the theme. My hope is that you will choose one verse from each topic and commit it to memory as an application of our study.

**Monday**, August 19 Read [\*Isaiah 1:18\*](#)

God calls for our repentance and promises to forgive and cleanse us from sin when we do. Notice the exhortation in verse 17 and the conditional blessing in verse 19. Next, read the following verses on repentance -- [\*Isaiah 30:15, 18; 55:6-7; 57:15\*](#). Which of all these verses most speaks to you on this topic? Why not write that verse out on a 3x5 card and start memorizing it? There's a blessing here for the obedient!

**Monday: Pray for:** —My relationship with God  
—My life roles  
—My personal needs/weak areas  
—My goals and objectives for the summer

**Tuesday**, August 20: Read [Isaiah 12:2](#)

God is calling us to reject fear and embrace faith. Faith depends on its object. We trust in God. To the degree that we know him, we are able to put our lives and circumstances under his control. Like Isaiah says, then he becomes our strength, our song and our salvation! Note the following verses on the subject of trust -- [Isaiah 7:9; 33:2; 41:10](#).

**Tuesday: Pray for Family and Friends by Name.**

**Wednesday** August 21: Read [Isaiah 3:10](#)

Righteousness is its own reward. It makes a difference whenever someone chooses to consciously follow the Lord. It also invariably bears fruit, as this verse suggests. Read also: [Isaiah 32:8, 17; 52:7; 55:12](#). Again, chose one verse from Isaiah on the topic of righteousness to commit to memory. Ask God to make his righteousness shine forth in your life ([Isaiah 60:1](#))

**Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church**

1. Leadership: Pray for God's grace and guidance in Pastor Jim and Pastor David's ministries and families. Pray for Linda Penn in her work at BGCC. Pray for the church council and the various ministry team leaders. Ask the Lord of the harvest to raise up more workers for the harvest ([Matthew 9:38](#))
2. Worship: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Pray for more musicians to help lead the church in worship. Pray for the development of a youth praise team.
3. Fellowship: Pray that God would deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers. Pray that we incorporate newcomers into our church fellowship.
4. Discipleship: Ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people. Pray for the children and youth ministries at BGCC. Ask God to bless our small group ministry, to raise up new groups, new teachers and more leaders.
5. Outreach: Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ. Ask God to embolden our people to intentionally reach out to others, especially through the Kingdom Initiative.
6. Future Faith Goals: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future. Pray for God's clear leading in our 2020 plan as we call our members to a greater love and commitment to the Lord and his service. Ask God to bless our finances so that we can better accomplish his purposes for our congregation.

**Thursday**, August 22: Read [Isaiah 26:3](#)

God wants us to be at peace within, with him and with the world. Note from this verse that peace is a byproduct of steady trust in God. Again, we need to know who God is and what he's promised to do for us in order to fully (steadily) trust him, and thus be at peace. Read the following verses and choose one as your memory verse on peace: [Isaiah 30:15; 49:15-16; 54:10](#).

**Thursday: Pray for "My World"**

(Write down names as God brings people to mind.)

- Neighbors • People who live around me. (Focus Four)
- People at Work • Others God brings into my life. Take note of specific needs around you and ask God what he wants you to do to help. Who can you invite to church this Sunday?
- Community -- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County. Pray for the area churches and a greater spirit of unity and cooperation.
- America -- Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America.