

**Friday**, March 15: Read [Psalms 39-40, Proverbs 15](#)

Psalms 39 rehearses the transitory nature of life in this world and our physical frailty as humans. In David's words is the longing of humanity for the divine, the eternal and the transcendent. Our bodies are but dust, but the spirit he gives us survives death and will transition us into a whole new and everlasting existence with God.

Psalms 40 stands out as "a hymn of praise to our God". David applauds God for past deliverance and care in his life, while asking for mercy and safety facing the foes and adversaries of life yet on earth. Like David, may God "place your feet on a rock and give you a firm place to stand".

Read [Romans 13](#) to preview this Sunday's sermon.

### **Notes:**

### **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** (Ethiopia), **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)



## ***Reading through Psalms and Proverbs***

### **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.*

**Monday**, March 11 Read [Psalms 31-32, Proverbs 11](#)

Psalms 31 is a plea for protection as David again calls upon God to save him from present danger. Verse 5 rings familiar as the final of the 7 last words spoken by Christ from the cross. ([Psalm 22:1](#) is his first words).

Psalms 32 is a confession Psalm. Read it reflexively, perhaps applying its truth to your own life circumstances. Forgiveness of sins and the absolution of guilt is the birthright of every child of God ([1 John 1:9](#))

\*Read [Proverbs 11-16](#) this week. Go by the date for each Proverbs chapter. Note any specific verses that apply to your life and circumstances. He who seeks good finds goodwill. (Proverbs 11:27) Keep seeking!

### **Notes:**

**Pray for:** ---My relationship with God

---My life roles

---My personal needs/weak areas

---My goals and objectives.

## Tuesday, March 12: Read [\*Psalms 33-34, Proverbs 12\*](#)

Psalms 33 is a praise Psalm. The Author, likely David, calls the congregation to give God his due thanksgiving and praise including, as reasons, the word of God, the creative works of God and his purposes. Verse 12 stands as a reminder to all nations of the blessings afforded a nation who name the Lord as their God.

Psalm 34 gives reasons why we ought to fear love and honor God. Read it carefully and find encouragement in your own fellowship with him.

**Tuesday: pray for family and friends by name.**

## Wednesday March 13: Read [\*Psalms 35-36, Proverbs 13\*](#)

Both Psalms today lament the wickedness of evil men and the toll it takes on the righteous. David calls to God to bring equity and justice, protecting him from harm and punishing the evil. Interestingly enough, most of the Proverbs we read this week also contrast the righteous with the wicked, always extolling God's way of righteousness as opposed to sin and depravity.

### **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, March 14: Read [\*Psalms 37-38, Proverbs 14\*](#)

Psalm 37 makes a great case for the advantages of following God and maintaining a life of integrity. The opposite can also be said for wickedness and those who actively reject God's ways. A careful study of this Psalm ought to convince anyone of the right choice for life -- the Lord's way.

Psalm 38, like Psalms 32 and 50, deals with the consequences of sin and David's call upon God for forgiveness and restoration. Notable in this Psalm are the physical side effects of wrongdoing, another reason to avoid temptation and evil.

### **Notes:**

### **Thursday Pray for "My World"**

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

- Neighbors • People who live around me.
- 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?
- 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.
- Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America.