

# Space for God Neighbours

## PREPARATION

*In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you?

He requires only that you fear the Lord your God, and live in a way that pleases him, and love him and serve him with all your heart and soul.

Deuteronomy 10:12

## WORSHIP

I love you, Lord; you are my strength.

**The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior;**

**my God is my rock, in whom I find protection.**

**He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety.**

Psalms 18:1-2

## CONFESSION

You have charged us to keep your commandments carefully.

**Oh, that my actions would consistently reflect your decrees! Then I will not be ashamed when I compare my life with your commands.**

Psalms 119:4-6

## MEDITATION – Luke 10:25-37\*

One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: "Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus replied, "What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?"

The man answered, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

### IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

Read Slowly, several times.

Reflect What does the text say?

Respond How does it relate to my life?

Rest I welcome God's healing and renewal.

"Right!" Jesus told him. "Do this and you will live! The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem

down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road.

"By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.

"Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and

wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.'

"Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked.

The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."

## ANCHORING PRAYER

*I love You, LORD, and I love my neighbour as myself.*

## REVIEW OF THE HEART

*How was I compassionate and merciful towards my neighbour?*

*In what way did I avoid helping someone in need?*

## WISDOM

If you see your neighbor's ox or sheep or goat wandering away, don't ignore your responsibility. Take it back to its owner.

Deuteronomy 22:1

If you can help your neighbor now, don't say, "Come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you."

Proverbs 3:28

Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.

1 Peter 2:12

## TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

## INTERCESSION *Prayers for the Church, for others, and for me.*

## BENEDICTION

Peace be with you, dear brothers and sisters, and may God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you love with faithfulness.

**May God's grace be eternally upon all who love our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**[Amen]**

Ephesians 6:23-24

### SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.

Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and guidance.

Speak and act from a listening heart.

Actively serve in community with others.