



PREPARATION

• In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit •
Our God approaches,
and he is not silent.
Fire devours everything in his way,
and a great storm rages around him.
Psalm 50:3

WORSHIP

I want you all to know about the miraculous signs and wonders the Most High God
has performed for me.
**How great are his signs,
how powerful his wonders!
His kingdom will last forever,
his rule through all generations.**
Daniel 4:2-3

CONFESSION

So be careful how you live.
Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.
Ephesians 5:15-16

MEDITATION – Luke 12:49-56*s

I have come to set the world on fire, and I wish it were already burning! I have a
terrible baptism of suffering ahead of me, and I am under a heavy burden until it is
accomplished. Do you think I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I have
come to divide people against each other! From now on families will be split apart,
three in favor of me, and two against—or two in favor and three against.

'Father will be divided against son and son against father;
mother against daughter and daughter against mother;
and mother-in-law against daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

Then Jesus turned to the crowd and
said, "When you see clouds begin-
ning to form in the west, you say,
'Here comes a shower.' And you are
right. When the south wind blows,
you say, 'Today will be a scorcher.'
And it is. You fools! You know how to

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.

interpret the weather signs of the earth and sky, but you don't know how to interpret
the present times.

ANCHORING PRAYER

Help me to interpret the times in which I am living.

REVIEW OF THE HEART

*How am I dealing with the "present times"?
What kind of division(s) has the Gospel caused in my life?*

WISDOM

I create the light and make the darkness. I send good times and bad times.
I, the Lord, am the one who does these things. Isaiah 45:7

But, of course, there must be divisions among you so that you who have God's
approval will be recognized! 1 Corinthians 11:19

But Moses protested again, "What if they won't believe me or listen to me? What
if they say, 'The Lord never appeared to you'?" Exodus 4:1

Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through
human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe. It
is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the
Greeks, who seek human wisdom. So when we preach that Christ was crucified,
the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense.
1 Corinthians 1:21-23

TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

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

BENEDICTION

Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the highest heavens.
**You have done such wonderful things.
Who can compare with you, O God?
You have allowed me to suffer much hardship,
but you will restore me to life again
and lift me up from the depths of
the earth.**
• Amen •
Psalm 71:19-20

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY
Be still and quiet before God.
Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and guidance.
Speak, act, and serve from a listening heart.