

Space for God

Stand Firm



PREPARATION

- In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit •
Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong.
1 Corinthians 16:13

WORSHIP

He rescues and saves his people;
he performs miraculous signs and wonders in the heavens and on earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions.
Daniel 6:27

CONFESSION

In panic I cried out, "I am cut off from the Lord!"
But you heard my cry for mercy and answered my call for help.
Psalm 31:22

MEDITATION – Luke 21:5-19*

Some of his disciples began talking about the majestic stonework of the Temple and the memorial decorations on the walls. But Jesus said, "The time is coming when all these things will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!"

"Teacher," they asked, "when will all this happen? What sign will show us that these things are about to take place?"

He replied, "Don't let anyone mislead you, for many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and saying, 'The time has come!' But don't believe them. And when you hear of wars and insurrections, don't panic. Yes, these things must take place first, but the end won't follow immediately." Then he added, "Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and there will be famines and plagues in many lands, and there will be terrifying things and great miraculous signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, there will be a time of great persecution. You will be dragged into synagogues and prisons, and you will stand trial before kings and governors because you are my followers. But this will be your opportunity to tell them about me. So don't worry in advance about how to answer the charges against you, for I will give you the right words and such wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to reply or refute you! Even those closest to you—your parents, brothers, relatives, and friends—will betray you. They will even kill some of you. And everyone

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.

will hate you because you are my followers. But not a hair of your head will perish! By standing firm, you will win your souls.

ANCHORING PRAYER

Grant me the words and the wisdom that I need.

REVIEW OF THE HEART

*What recent difficult situation turned into an opportunity to speak about Christ?
When did my faith in God waiver?*

WISDOM

"God, who foresaw your tribulation, has specially armed you to go through it, not without pain but without stain."
—Collected Letters of C.S. Lewis

"Suppose there are prophets among you or those who dream dreams about the future, and they promise you signs or miracles, and the predicted signs or miracles occur. If they then say, 'Come, let us worship other gods'—gods you have not known before—do not listen to them.
Deuteronomy 13:1-3

As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence. He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him. His rule is eternal—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed.
Daniel 7:13-14

TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

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

BENEDICTION

Be on guard.
Stand firm in the faith.
Be courageous. Be strong.
And do everything with love.
• Amen •
1 Corinthians 16:13-14

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.