Space for God I Will Build My Church



PREPARATION

• In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit •
Lord, there is no one like you! For you are great, and your name is full of power.
Jeremiah 10:6

WORSHIP

O Lord, I have come to you for protection; don't let me be disgraced. Save me, for you do what is right. Turn your ear to listen to me; rescue me quickly.
Be my rock of protection, a fortress where I will be safe. You are my rock and my fortress. For the honor of your name, lead me out of this danger.
Psalm 31:1-3

CONFESSION

Help us, O God of our salvation!
Help us for the glory of your name.
Save us and forgive our sins for the honor of your name.
Psalm 79:9

MEDITATION – Matthew 16:13-20*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"
"Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."
Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?"
Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. Now I say to you that you are Peter which means 'rock', and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven."
Then he sternly warned the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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.

ANCHORING PRAYER

You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

REVIEW OF THE HEART

Who is God to me?
What do I think I am to God?

WISDOM

Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything.
Colossians 1:18

"So remember this and keep it firmly in mind: The Lord is God both in heaven and on earth, and there is no other. Deuteronomy 4:39

You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor. And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. As the Scriptures say, "I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem, chosen for great honor, and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. But for those who reject him, "The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone." 1 Peter 2:4-7

TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

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

BENEDICTION

We know that we are children of God and
that the world around us is under the control of the evil one.
And we know that the Son of God has come,
and he has given us understanding
so that we can know the true God.
And now we live in fellowship with the true God because we live in fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the
only true God, and he is eternal life.
• Amen •
1 John 5:19-20

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.

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