Prayer & Scripture Readings November 1, 2026

Prayer for Inspiration

Lord God,

Open our eyes that we may see wonderful things in Your Word.

Clear away our distractions, quiet our thoughts, and let Your Word speak clearly to our lives today.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 37:1-11

L: Do not fret because of those who are evil
or be envious of those who do wrong;

All: for like the grass they will soon wither,
like green plants they will soon die away.

L: Trust in the Lord and do good;

dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

All: Take delight in the Lord,

and he will give you the desires of your heart.

L: Commit your way to the Lord;

trust in him and he will do this:

All: He will make your righteous reward shine

like the dawn,

your vindication like the noonday sun.

L: Be still before the Lord

and wait patiently for him;

do not fret when people succeed in their ways,

when they carry out their wicked schemes.

All: Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;

do not fret—it leads only to evil.

L: For those who are evil will be destroyed,

but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.

All: A little while, and the wicked will be no more;

though you look for them, they will not be found.

L: But the meek will inherit the land

and enjoy peace and prosperity.

Scripture Reading: Luke 6:27-45

27 “But to you who are listening I say: Love your
enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those
who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. 29 If
someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other
also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your
shirt from them. 30 Give to everyone who asks you, and
if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it
back. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.
32 “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to
you? Even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if
you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is
that to you? Even sinners do that. 34 And if you lend to
those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is

that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. **35** But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. **36** Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. **38** Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

39 He also told them this parable: “Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit? **40** The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.

41 “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? **42** How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

43 “No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. **44** Each tree is recognized by its own fruit.

People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briers. **45** A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.