

Preparing your heart for Reflection 2020.

Read Psalm 103 stopping after each paragraph to praise God for His faithfulness this past year and also thanking Him for the opportunities we will have to love and serve Him in 2021.

Bless the LORD, O My Soul

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| <p>¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!</p> <p>² Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,</p> <p>³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,</p> <p>⁴ who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love
and mercy,</p> <p>⁵ who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like
the eagle's.</p> <p>⁶ The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.</p> <p>⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.</p> <p>⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love.</p> <p>⁹ He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.</p> <p>¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to
our sins,
nor repay us according to our
iniquities.</p> <p>¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above
the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward
those who fear him;</p> <p>¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our
transgressions from us.</p> | <p>¹³ As a father shows compassion to his
children,
so the LORD shows compassion to
those who fear him.</p> <p>¹⁴ For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.</p> <p>¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the
field;</p> <p>¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is
gone,
and its place knows it no more.</p> <p>¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the LORD is
from everlasting to everlasting on
those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's
children,</p> <p>¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his
commandments.</p> <p>¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in
the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.</p> <p>²⁰ Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!</p> <p>²¹ Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!</p> <p>²² Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!</p> |
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1-10-21 The Facilitator Reflection 2020 / Anticipation 2021

2020 Reflection / 2021 Anticipation – Ask each member of your group to answer the following questions. Have fun. Enjoy yourselves. Great to track year to year.

1. How has God shown Himself great to you this past year?

2. What character quality is the most critical for you to develop in the year 2021?

3. What spiritual discipline (Examples: Bible reading, meditation, Family Worship, Evangelism, Prayer, Thanksgiving) is most critical for you to master or be mastered by in the year 2021?

4. What personal habit, practice or character deficiency is the greatest threat to your life and ministry?

5. Name 5 people that you most desire to come to love Jesus in the year 2021.

6. How has God called you to “labor” for the Lord of the Harvest next year?

Close in Prayer after have a few friends read Daniel's Prayer in Daniel 9. Let anyone stop the reading to pray as they are led.

Daniel's Prayer for His People

9 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, by descent a Mede, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans— ² in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.

³ Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. ⁴ I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, ⁵ we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. ⁶ We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. ⁷ To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you. ⁸ To us, O LORD, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you. ⁹ To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him ¹⁰ and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. ¹¹ All Israel has transgressed your law and turned aside, refusing to obey your voice. And the curse and oath that are written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out upon us, because we have sinned against him. ¹² He has confirmed his words, which he spoke against us and against our rulers who ruled us, by bringing upon us a great calamity. For under the whole heaven there has not been done anything like what has been done against Jerusalem. ¹³ As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this calamity has come upon us; yet we have not entreated the favor of the LORD our God, turning from our iniquities and gaining insight by your truth. ¹⁴ Therefore the LORD has kept ready the calamity and has brought it upon us, for the LORD our God is righteous in all the works that he has done, and we have not obeyed his voice. ¹⁵ And now, O Lord our God, who brought your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have made a name for yourself, as at this day, we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

¹⁶ "O Lord, according to all your righteous acts, let your anger and your wrath turn away from your city Jerusalem, your holy hill, because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people have become a byword among all who are around us. ¹⁷ Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate. ¹⁸ O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. ¹⁹ O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name."