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Prayer Ministries of TUMC offers this monthly brochure to our congregation and a circle of interested others as a compact source of daily meditations. We hope the language and the images—the articulations both ancient and modern—will bless you, awaken you, stir your imagination, open you to Sacred Mystery, help you commit to the kind of wholeness that Jesus taught and modeled, and equip you for the daily living of our church's mission statement:

Know God. Be transformed. Love.

November 2017:

Deeds of Thanks

Wednesday, November 1

Give thanks for the past,
for those who had vision,
who planted and watered
so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Thursday, November 2

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,
the Word is our promise, always, forever;
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

Friday, November 3

This gift we now bring,
this present, this token,
these words can convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come,
remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honor and praise!
UM Hymnal #87 "What Gift Can We Bring?" Jane Marshall

Saturday, November 4

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and
spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your
heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to
God the Father for everything,
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Ephesians 5:19-20

Sunday, November 5

Remember this:
Whoever sows sparingly
will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows generously
will also reap generously.
Each man should give
what he has decided in his heart to give,
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Monday, November 6

And let us consider how we may spur one
another on toward love and good deeds.
Let us not give up meeting together,
as some are in the habit of doing,
but let us encourage one another—
and all the more as you see the Day
approaching.
Hebrews 10:24-25

Tuesday, November 7

Therefore encourage one another and build
each other up, just as in fact you are doing.
1 Thessalonians 5:11

Wednesday, November 8

The meditations for the remainder of this month
are from Oswald Chambers' devotional classic
My Utmost For His Highest, a compilation
comprised chiefly of his talks during Devotional
Hour at the Bible Training College, Clapham,
during the years 1911-1917, also from his 1917
talks as YMCA chaplain to United Kingdom
troops in Egypt during World War I. During that
year of service in Egypt—one hundred years
ago—he died of appendicitis, at age 43. After
his wife Biddy's return to England with their little
girl Kathleen, Biddy transcribed his talks from
her notes, had them published, and prayed that
"day by day the messages may continue to
bring the quickening life and inspiration of the
Holy Spirit."

Thursday, November 9

Be exhausted for God, but remember
that your supply comes from Him.
"All my fresh springs shall be in Thee."

Friday, November 10

Remember Whose you are and Whom you
serve. Provoke yourself by recollection,
and your affection for God will increase tenfold;
your imagination will not be starved any longer,
but will be quick and enthusiastic,
and your hope will be inexpressibly bright.

Saturday, November 11

It is never a question of being of use,
but of being of value to God Himself.
When we are abandoned to God,
He works through us all the time.

Sunday, November 12

The proof that we are rightly related to God
is that we do our best
whether we feel inspired or not.

Monday, November 13

We are here as men and women, not as half-fledged angels, to do the work of the world, and to do it with infinitely greater power to stand the turmoil because we have been born from above.

Tuesday, November 14

It takes God a long time to get us out of the way of thinking that unless everyone sees as we do, they must be wrong. That is never God's view. There is only one liberty, the liberty of Jesus at work in our conscience enabling us to do what is right.

Wednesday, November 15

The first thing God does is knock pretense and the pious pose right out of me. The Holy Spirit reveals that God loved me not because I was lovable, but because it was His nature to do so. Now, He says to me, show the same love to others.

Thursday, November 16

May God not find the whine in us any more, but may He find us full of spiritual pluck and athleticism, ready to face anything He brings. We have to exercise ourselves in order that the Son of God may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

Friday, November 17

Never make a principle out of your experience; let God be as original with other people as He is with you.

Saturday, November 18

If you receive yourself in the fires of sorrow, God will make you nourishment for other people.

Sunday, November 19

Men pour themselves into creeds, and God has to blast them out of their prejudices before they can be devoted to Jesus Christ.

Monday, November 20

Stop having a measuring rod for other people. There is always one more fact in every man's case about which we know nothing ... I have never met the man I could despair of after discerning what lies in me apart from the grace of God.

Tuesday, November 21

'I think it meet,' said Peter, '...to stir you up by putting you in remembrance.' It is a most disturbing thing to be smitten in the ribs by some provoker of God, by someone who is full of spiritual activity.

Wednesday, November 22

If you are a child of God, there certainly will be troubles to meet, but Jesus says do not be surprised when they come. 'In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world, there is nothing for you to fear.' ... God does not give us an overcoming life: He gives us life as we overcome. The strain is the strength.

Thursday, November 23

God expects His children to be so confident in Him that in any crisis they are the reliable ones.

Friday, November 24

Get into the habit of dealing with God about everything. Unless in the first waking moments of the day you learn to fling the door wide back and let God in, you will work on a wrong level all day; but swing the door wide open and pray to your Father in secret, and every public thing will be stamped with the presence of God.

Saturday, November 25

Prayer is not a question of altering things externally, but of working wonders in a man's disposition.

Sunday, November 26

Be rightly related to God, find your joy there, and out of you will flow rivers of living water. Be a center for Jesus Christ to pour living water through. Stop being self-conscious, stop being a sanctified prig, and live the life hid with Christ. The life that is rightly related to God is as natural as breathing wherever it goes. The lives that have been of most blessing to you are those who were unconscious of it.

Monday, November 27

God will not discipline us, we must discipline ourselves. God will not bring every thought and imagination into captivity; we have to do it. Do not say—O Lord, I suffer from wandering thoughts. *Don't* suffer from wandering thoughts. Stop listening to the tyranny of your individuality and get emancipated out into personality.

Tuesday, November 28

There are whole tracts of our lives which have not yet been brought into subjection, and it can only be done by continuous conversion. Slowly but surely we claim the whole territory for the Spirit of God.

Wednesday, November 29

You have to walk in the light of the vision that has been given to you and not compare yourself with others or judge them; that is between them and God.

Thursday, November 30

Our yesterdays present irreparable things to us; it is true that we have lost opportunities which will never return, but God can transform that destructive anxiety into a constructive thoughtfulness for the future. Let the past sleep, but let it sleep on the bosom of Christ. Leave the Irreparable Past in His hands, and step out into the Irresistible Future with Him.