

PRACTICE FOR WRITING A DEVOTION BASED ON SCRIPTURE
Prepared for 2022-2023 Confirmation Class

1. Write down which verse you are working on (i.e. John 1:1-2):

2. Copy out a word or phrase that stands out to you:

3. What do you think the word or phrase means? And/or What makes this word or phrase meaningful to you? Other ways to get at this piece: Where are you in the story? Why? What do you see and smell?

(These thoughts will become the first part of your devotion.)

4. Based on your thoughts about what stands out, what is the passage calling you to do?
(This call to act or change will become the second part of your devotion.)

5. Offer a short prayer:

SOME DEVOTIONS WRITTEN BY CHURCH MEMBERS

This gets right to the point:

Verses: Joel 2:1-2 and 12-17

Devotion: Joel asks us to say God's name loudly and with passion assuming his reappearance is at hand. We are to cut through the darkness, to live in light.

Prayer, God of all creation let us whisper your name in the night and reveal our needs and promises; let us shout your name in the light of day fulfilling our promises with praise and deeds. (Kae Fretz)

Written by a confirmation class member 2020-21:

Scripture: Psalm 107

Devotion: Psalm 107 shows that God takes people from everywhere and brings them together as one. They listened to God and he led them in the right path to places they can survive. He gives them what they need because he knows they care for him. The people know God will always love them.

Prayer: I pray that God can bring peace back to our country. Amen. (Thomas Piotrowski)

A little longer, with more reflection

Scripture: Psalm 25: 1-10

Devotion: David, our psalmist writes Psalm 25, a prayer of lament. What is it to lament you ask? To lament is to express regret, grief, or sorrow. David lifts his soul to God as he shares with Him that he is troubled. He shows his trust in God as he prays for His guidance, and for deliverance or rescue from a difficult situation.

During the past year our lives have been greatly changed due to the pandemic. Most of us have been on an emotional rollercoaster and we're not sure when the ride will be over. We experience concerns, anxieties, fears of the known and unknown. We too can pray to God. He is there to listen, to hear our troubles. As we lift our soul to God, we can trust that he will give us help, direction and or forgiveness.

Prayer: Dear God, I lift my soul to you today. My world has changed so much in the last year. The paths that I once took are buried with weeds and I need to develop a new trail. I trust you to help me and my family through this tumultuous time. Please lead me Lord as my path is under new construction and then help me to navigate the path into the future. (Janet Shoemaker)