WEEK FIVE: Praying the Hours "Living in Light of Eternity" April 3, 2019

"Father, since we have been raised to new life in Jesus, help us focus on the glorious realities of heaven! Empower us Holy Spirit to think about the life that is ours – now and not yet – instead of focusing on the things of this earth. May we remember today that we have in fact died to this life, with our real life being hidden with Christ. And when Jesus – who is our life! – is revealed to the whole world, we will share in His glory. Increase our hope and expectation today we pray. Amen."

(Based on Colossians 3:1-4)



WEEK FIVE: Praying the Hours "Living in Light of Eternity" April 4, 2019

"Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you."

(Psalm 25:5-6, NLT. Submitted by Major Brenda Critch)

WEEK FIVE: Praying the Hours "Living in Light of Eternity"

April 5, 2019

"Teach me, my God, to suffer in peace the afflictions which You send me that my soul may emerge from the crucible like gold, both brighter and purer, to find You within me. My God, I want nothing but Your will, submission to it has such power over me that my soul desires neither death nor life. But then if it be Your will, I desire to live, in order to serve You better. If, through my intercession, I could do anything to make a single soul love and praise You more, and that only for a short time, it would seem to me of greater moment than my being in glory."

(Teresa of Avila, 1515-1582)

WEEK FIVE: Praying the Hours "Living in Light of Eternity"

April 6, 2019

"Dear Lord, We come seeking your grace and your presence within our lives. May your Spirit continue to open our hearts, our minds, our ears and our eyes so we will know the extent of Your power and glory. Let us be confident that you will carry on to completion the good work within us and within The Salvation Army, until the day we see Jesus face to face. With your Holy Spirit in us, help us see the needs all around us in this broken world. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen."

(Major Sterling Snelgrove)

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WEEK FIVE: Praying the Hours "Living in Light of Eternity"

April 7, 2019

"Lord, eternity is a difficult concept to grasp because we think about it from today, from where we are contemplating what it means to live in light of eternity. Yet you are there even as you are here with us right now. Lord, help me to look at eternity from another view, from where your light shines from inside of me, where my hands and feet move for your pleasure, to be your light in the darkness. Eternity is yours, today is mine. Lord meld them together. Amen"

(Major Lauren Effer)



WEEK FIVE: Praying the Hours "Living in Light of Eternity" April 8, 2019

"Awaken and enlighten us, my Lord, that we might know and love the blessings which You ever propose to us, and that we might understand that You have moved to bestow favors on us and have remembered us. O Lord, my God, who will seek You with simple and pure love and not find You are all he desires, for You show Yourself first and go out to meet those who desire You? My spirit has become dry because it forgets to feed on You."

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(John of the Cross, 1542-1591)

WEEK FIVE: Praying the Hours—"Living in Light of Eternity"

April 9, 2019

Father God in your Word it says that You will call me "Your delight is in her" (Isaiah 62:4b). Our world has so many labels for us, and we have "names" that we have been called that discourage us and play back in our heads all the time. May we hear Your voice instead. You have promised that we will have a new name in glory. We are your delight! That's what you called your Son when He was baptised and then again when He was transfigured. I am the same?? Your adopted daughter (or son) that you take delight in? May my focus be on You – whose I am – and in light of eternity, what I am called by Your voice. May THAT name "ring" in my head. May I live abundantly and graciously with that "label" – the one You have chosen for me. (*Major Lois Garcia*)



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