

Pertinent Scriptures & Resources for Leading Prayer

Resources for:

Celebration of Life (appropriate for birthdays & other occasions):

Psalm 100	<i>The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever</i>
Psalm 139:1-17	<i>O Lord, you have searched me and known me</i>
Psalm 145	<i>The Lord is gracious and merciful</i>
Colossians 3:17	<i>Give thanks to God through Jesus</i>

Prayer (for a birthday):

O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor, we pray, on your servant, _____, as *she/he* begins another year. Grant that *she/he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *her/his* trust in your goodness all the days of *her/his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Encouragement:

Psalm 23	<i>The Lord is my shepherd</i>
Psalm 27	<i>The Lord is my light and salvation.</i>
Psalm 31:1-3 & 5	<i>Into your hands I commend my spirit.</i>
Psalm 71, 17-24	<i>God will not forsake us in old age</i>
Psalm 90	<i>Our dwelling place in all generations</i>
Isaiah 46:3-4	<i>Carried by God in old age</i>
John 14:1-3	<i>I prepare a place for you</i>
John 14:27	<i>Peace I leave with you</i>
2 Corinthians 12:7b-10	<i>God's power made perfect in weakness</i>
Philippians 4:4-7	<i>Rejoice in the Lord always</i>
Hebrews 12:1-2	<i>Surrounded by a cloud of witnesses</i>

Prayers:

Faithful God, you care for us day by day, and with you as our companion we are never alone. Grant to us fulfillment in life, confidence in your steadfast love, and support in the community of your people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.

Gracious God, the Scriptures tell us that none who trust in you can be separated from your love. Grant us peace and contentment in our days, hope and fulfillment in our love of you, and joy and companionship in our relations with others; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Merciful God, our Father, in the stillness of our souls we listen for your voice to know again that you are God. Quiet our restless hearts with the knowledge that you stand within the shadows, keeping watch over your own. Rekindle our faith and light the lamp of hope within our hearts. Help us to trust you and follow where you lead; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.