



PRAYER SERVICE WEDNESDAY, MAY 27TH, 7PM

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- **INTRO**

Today, we're going to intentionally widen our focus, shifting our attention from the ongoing Pandemic to think about the bigger picture of God's Kingdom through looking at the life of another hero of the faith: Count Zinzendorf, the extraordinary founder of the Moravian Church, who was born this week 320 years ago. We'll once again use a devotional provided by the Lectio 365 App, written by Pete Greig and 24-7 Prayer International. This really is a wonderful story that will inspire our faith and renew our focus on the Mission of God. Let's begin with a song of worship to center our hearts on the presence of God and the good news of the Gospel.

- **SONG**

“No Longer Slaves” Click Here - <https://youtu.be/f8TkUMJtK5k>

VERSE 1

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

CHORUS

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

VERSE 2

From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

BRIDGE

You split the sea so I could walk right
through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and
sing
I am a child of God

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- **PAUSE**

As I enter prayer, now, I pause to be still; to breathe slowly; to re-center my scattered senses upon the presence of God.

Pause and Pray.

“Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.” (Hebrews 12:1-2a)

• **REJOICE & REFLECT**

Today, we are thanking God for the extraordinary example of Zinzendorf, Godfather of the modern missions movement, and leader of the Moravian 24-7 Prayer gathering at Hernhut, Germany.

We rejoice today in the words of a hymn written by Zinzendorf himself, and translated into English by his protégé John Wesley.

“Jesus, your blood and righteousness my beauty are, my glorious dress! Mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed with you shall I lift my head. Bold shall I stand in that great day, and none condemn me, try who may: fully absolved through Christ I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame. This stainless robe its beauty wears when all else fades with passing years; no age can change its glorious hue, the robe of Christ is ever new. O let the dead now hear your voice, let those once lost in sin rejoice! Their beauty this, their glorious dress: Jesus, your blood and righteousness.”

It was on May 26th in the year 1700 that Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf was born into an aristocratic family in modern-day Germany. His radical faith in later life would change the course of history. He was to become a hero for the modern missions movement, the global prayer movement and the ecumenical movement to this day. What’s more, the Methodist and Moravian denominations, the Salvation Army, the 24-7 Prayer movement, and the Order of the Mustard Seed all owe their existence in human terms to Count Zinzendorf’s trail-blazing leadership. His life motto was this: “I have one passion: it is Jesus. Only Jesus.”

Zinzendorf wrote some 2,000 hymns—about one a week—throughout his adult life. He reminds us to keep our eyes fixed firmly on Jesus. Not to get distracted or over-complicated. And certainly not to be ashamed of a lifelong, single-minded passion for the Lord.

*In many ways the defining moment in Zinzendorf’s life, and certainly the one that gave impetus and form to his other achievements, was the day he and his school friends agreed to form the Order of the Mustard Seed. Together, they vowed three things: to be true to Christ, to be kind to people, and to take the Gospel to the nations...In his book, *The Lord of the Ring*, Phil Anderson points out that “the image of the Mustard Seed comes straight from the Bible. Jesus told his followers that the kingdom of God would be like a small mustards seed, starting visibly small but growing to become a*

great tree. He also challenged them that if they had faith, “even as small as a mustard seed,” they could tell a mountain to jump in the sea and it would obey them.

The metaphor of the mustard seed reminds us today not to despise the day of small things (Zech. 4:10). The tiny choices we make, the prayers that sometimes seem so inconsequential, the promises that feel so fragile, a small group of friends, such small seeds can grow to change the world.

- **ASK**

Thinking now of two small things I do for the Lord that may seem mundane, hidden or even inconsequential, I hold one in each hand and offer them to Him, asking the Lord to multiply and make them grow.

Pause and Pray.

2000 years since Jesus gave the Great Commission, and 300 years since Zinzendorf started sending out missionaries, it is estimated that one quarter of the world’s population remains unreached by the gospel.

We “ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his (most neglected) harvest fields,” (Matt. 9:38)

Pause and Pray.

- **YIELD**

It was because Zinzendorf had committed himself to kindness, that he agreed to allow refugees from Moravia to build a village called Hernhut on his country estate. And it was because he had promised to be true to Christ that Zinzendorf called his bickering Moravian tenants together to repent of their divisions on August 13th, 1727. As they did so, the Spirit of God fell, detonating a 24-7 prayer meeting which would continue without a break, non-stop, night-and-day for more than 100 years.

Zinzendorf’s third vow was to take the gospel to the nations and so, after 5 years of 24-7 prayer, he began sending out missionaries to lands where the Gospel had never been preached. Shot out like rockets from that white-hot furnace of prayer, Moravian missionaries were the first to take the Good News of Jesus to many people at vast personal cost. It was at a Moravian Bible study in London that John Wesley’s “heart was strangely warmed” triggering the Great Awakening that changed the course of British (and American) history and launched Methodism.

When two Moravian missionaries set sail for the Danish West Indies, fully prepared to sell themselves into slavery if necessary to reach the slaves working on the plantations there, they cried out across the water to those weeping at the dockside: “that the Lamb may receive the reward for the blood that He shed.”

Pause and Pray.

I yield to you today, Lord Jesus, realigning my priorities to be true to you, asking you to help me be kind and not harsh to those I meet, and committing myself afresh to play whatever part I can this week in the fulfilment of your Great Commission.

In reflecting on these amazing stories of faith, let's finish our time by singing a song of worship that expresses the supreme worth and worthiness of Christ.

- **SONG**

“You Deserve it All” Click Here - <https://youtu.be/vT-BEvz1Fm0>

VERSE 1

Found in Your name the power to save
With only a whisper mountains shake
Jesus our hope and strength
You made a way unlocked these chains
Here in Your presence strongholds
break
Freed by the love You gave

CHORUS

We give You the highest praise
You deserve it all You deserve it all

VERSE 2

There on a tree merciful King
Broken and shamed for all to see
The Father laid down His Son
From darkness to light
Death lost to life
Heaven and earth will join and sing
Jesus has overcome

BRIDGE

With every breath that's in my lungs
My heart cries out to You belongs
The glory (the glory)
Through every loss or victory
My soul will rise to only bring
You glory (You glory)

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- **CLOSING PRAYER**

***Father, help me to live this week to the full, being true to You, in every way.
Jesus, help me to give myself away to others, being kind to everyone I meet.
Spirit, help me to love the lost, proclaiming Christ in all I do and say. Amen.***