

A Puritan Prayer Heart Corruptions

O God, may Your Spirit speak in me that I may speak to You. I have no merit, let the merit of Jesus stand for me. I am undeserving, but I look to Your tender mercy. I am full of infirmities, wants, sin; You are full of grace.

I confess my sin, my frequent sin, my wilful sin; all my powers of body and soul are defiled: a fountain of pollution is deep within my nature. There are chambers of foul images within my being; I have gone from one odious room to another, walked in a no-man's-land of dangerous imaginations, pried into the secrets of my fallen nature.

I am utterly ashamed that I am what I am in myself; I have no green shoot in me nor fruit, but thorns and thistles; I am a fading leaf that the wind drives away; I live bare and barren as a winter tree, unprofitable, fit to be hewn down and burnt. Lord, do You have mercy on me?

You have struck a heavy blow at my pride, at the false god of self, and I lie in pieces before You. But You have given me another master and lord, Your Son, Jesus, and now my heart is turned towards holiness, my life speeds as an arrow from a bow towards complete obedience to You. Help me in all my doings to put down sin and to humble pride. Save me from the love of the world and the pride of life, from everything that is natural to fallen man, and let Christ's nature be seen in me day by day. Grant me grace to bear Your will without repining, and delight to be not only chiselled, squared, or fashioned, but separated from the old rock where I have been embedded so long, and lifted from the quarry to the upper air, where I may be built in Christ for ever.



August 21, 2022

10:30 A.M.

Manifesting the Glory of God

*Take heart, it is I.
Do not be afraid.*

MARK 6:50



Order of Service

Announcements

Welcome

Preparation for Worship

-----God's Greatness-----

Call To Worship

Hymn of Praise

"Holy, Holy, Holy" Heber/Dykes

Prayer of Invocation

Affirmation of Faith: 1 Corinthians 15:3-7; Romans 1:16-17

Hymn of Affirmation

"King of Kings. Ligertwood/Ingram

Children are dismissed to Sunday School.

----- God's Renewal -----

Scripture Warning: Matthew 5:17, 20

Public Confession: Adapted from the Book of Common Worship, 1946

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort: Romans 6:5-7

Song of Renewal

"Great is Your Glory" Cash/Beeching

-----God's Grace-----

Scripture Reading: Mark 6:45-56 (ESV)

Prayer

The Sermon

"MANIFESTING THE GLORY OF GOD"

Song of Communion

"What Grace is Mine" Lyrics: Kristyn Getty

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Approach

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:22-25 (Optional)

Holy Communion

-----God's Blessing-----

Parting Hymn

"Here's My Heart" Giglio/Ingram/Tomlin

Benediction

They should have understood that the One with whom they had to do was God incarnate. Who else could feed thousands and thousands of people with a few loaves and some fish? But instead of seeing the presence of God, they saw the presence of a liberator from the military oppression of Rome.

Jesus was not finished with them yet

Mark 6:53-56 (ESV)

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵ and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

Reaching the other side of the sea, Jesus was mobbed again, and the people brought all their sick friends and relatives, that they might touch His garment. Those who touched it were healed. Surely the Lord was in that place. He visits all the towns and villages in the region, ministering both in the towns and in the open countryside, with the sick lining the streets and the central marketplace in each town. He heals them all.

The terrible results of a hardened heart

Statistics: The lack of comprehension with regard to the person and purpose of Jesus led the disciples to focus on themselves and not on God. The reality is that hard hearts make for blind eyes. They saw the miracles of Jesus but did not understand, in their hearts, the implications of those miracles. Are we really any different?

What is the state of your heart?

¹Lane, W. L. (1974). *The Gospel of Mark* (p. 235). Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.
²MacArthur, J. (2015). *Mark 1-8* (pp. 331-332). Moody Publishers.

as glass, making His way to them in their hour of despair. “He desired to come alongside them.”

Whenever the master is absent from the disciples (or appears to be so, as in Ch. 4:35–41), they find themselves in distress. And each time they experience anguish it is because they lack faith (Chs. 4:35 ff.; 6:45 ff.; 9:14 ff.).¹

A Manifestation to Soften Hearts

Mark 6:49–50 (ESV)

but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

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When Jesus said “It is I,” He said “Ego eimi,” or “I AM.” If there was any doubt that this was a theophany, Jesus’ use of the sacred name of God to identify Himself as He walked on the water made it virtually certain. In the darkness, when the disciples are deceived by their eyes, Jesus affirms his identity with the words “I am he; fear not.”

Utterly Astounded

Mark 6:51 (ESV)

“And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, despite having seen the same miracle before, and others besides, the disciples were dumbfounded.”

One moment, they were battling a raging storm in the middle of the lake; the next, the wind and waves were calm and the boat had arrived at the shore. Understandably, the disciples responded with shock. The miracle they had just experienced blew their minds.

According to Matthew 14:33, the response of the disciples turned to worship: “Those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, ‘You are certainly God’s Son!’”²

They did Not Understand

Mark 6:52 (ESV)

for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

Upcoming Events

TODAY, August 21 6:15-7:15 P.M. House of Prayer

GCC Prayer Gathering —1300 High St.

Sunday, August 28 5:00 P.M. Baptism Service

at the home of Dave and Lisa Frame; followed by supper
Brochures are available at the Welcome Table.

Saturday, September 3 6:00 P.M. Prayer Dinner

at the home of Pastor Rick and Barb

Saturday, September 17 8:00 A.M. Men’s Breakfast

at the home of Pastor Rick

Sunday, September 25 10:30 A.M.

David Nelson and associates will be with us for the worship service.

Saturday, November 12 Ladies Event

Verna Bowman speaking: Time and Place TBD

DiscipleMakers: Tim and Holly Howden

- Pray for wisdom as they prepare for the Fall Semester.
- Pray for their baby who should be arriving near the end of this year.



CRU: Steve and Kristin Scholl

- Pray as they lead “Art of Parenting” at their church this fall.

Crossing Cultures International

David and Mindy Nelson

Please pray for the 15 students from Cornerstone Church In New Zealand who graduated in July under the care of Pastor Cliff Wadsworth. Pray that these graduates will apply their training to start new classes that train core leaders to serve in various ministries of their churches. May they equip them with the necessary ministry skills, Bible knowledge, and godly character for effective ministry.

Pro-Life Prayers

FAMILY MEMBERS UNSURE OF WHAT TO DO

When a family discovers their loved one is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, they may experience anger, fear, shock, disappointment, and embarrassment. Sometimes damaging words are said out of these emotions and relationships are severed. Pray for families to respond in love and care when they hear this news. Ask God to give wisdom and discernment to each family member. Pray that mothers and fathers in crisis would choose life because of the love and care they receive from their families. Pray that the gospel would be proclaimed and family members would look to Jesus for hope and strength in these situations.

Prayer/Praise. August 21, 2022

- Pray for Steve Simons' cousin, Dave, whose wife passed away this week. Pray for God's peace, strength, and comfort for their family.
- Pray for Jill Aument, who needs to have an eye procedure done one time per month for three months, for bleeding and fluid behind her eye. Pray for continued healing for Jill following this procedure.
- Pray for Ernest, co-worker of Steve Simons, whose wife passed away. Pray for God to give wisdom and direction for Ernest and his child's future.
- Pray for Steve's brother John's mother-in-law, who had a nasty fall and is in Paoli Memorial Hospital. Pray for her healing.
- Pray for Joie Horner's friend, Cheryl, who lost her husband in an accident while cutting down trees. Pray for God's continued strength, comfort, and peace for Cheryl and her family.
- Pray for Lorraine Blanski's sister-in-law, Beth, who will be starting a 5-day radiation treatment program for one month beginning on September 19th. Pray for God's continued healing for Beth.
- Pray for Austin, the stepson of Lorraine Blanski's niece, who has been going through multiple surgeries due to burns from his accident. Pray for continued healing and mental health and God's strength for Austin.
- Pray for Leah, daughter of John Kurtyka and cousin of Lorraine Blanski, who is struggling with drug addiction and is away at an 8-month drug rehabilitation program. Praise that Leah is progressing but still has a long journey ahead of her. Pray for God's strength, peace, and comfort for Leah.
- Pray for Terry Cecchetelli's grandnephew, Liam, who is 1-year old and has a rare disease called PDHA-1. He will need a feeding tube. Pray for God's wisdom for Liam's doctors and strength and comfort for the families.
- Pray for Steve Simons' neighbor, Mrs. McCabe, who has dementia. Pray for God's strength for the McCabe family during this difficult time.
- Praise that Dalton Weider, father of Lulu Bocci's friend, Mary, is now in rehab learning to talk, walk, and move his muscles. Pray for his progress and his family as they support him.
- Pray for Igor Parfeniuk, a North Coventry police officer with Matt Deichert. Pray for Igor's sister and her family, as they are still living in Ukraine.
- Pray for Donna Jenkins' nephew, Evan James, who has a very rare disease, CDA. Praise that Evan can be off the breathing machine for the hours he is awake. Pray for God's healing for Evan and for his family and wisdom for his doctors.
- Pray for Justine Schumaker for healing from cancer.

Message

MANIFESTING THE GLORY OF GOD

Mark 6:45–56

Introduction

This is the second occasion when Jesus demonstrated his sovereignty over the sea, like the stilling of the storm (Ch. 4:35–41), this event is connected with the Sea of Galilee. The earlier event focused attention on the authority of Jesus' word; here his whole person is involved as he walks across the rough water. On both occasions the disciples fail to understand who Jesus is and experience stark fear and amazement.

The Abrupt Return to the Boat

Mark 6:45–46 (ESV)

Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

The tension of messianic excitement was dangerously in the air after the meal in the desert. The hurried dismissal of the disciples prevented them from adding fuel to the fire by revealing to the people the miraculous character of the evening meal.

“And when He had sent them away, He departed to the mountain to pray” (v. 46)

There are only three occasions when the Bible specifically describes Jesus in prayer. When He went apart like this, as He did on the night before He called His Apostles and on the night before His crucifixion, a crisis usually was pressing in on Him that had something to do with His vocation, His mission.

An Encounter with the Glory of God

Mark 6:47–48 (ESV)

And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them,

In a clear demonstration of divine omniscience, Jesus saw **them straining at the oars, for the wind was against them.** The Creator of the waters and the wind set foot upon the choppy surface as if it were hard as stone and smooth