

Prayer for Illumination

God, You call out – wooing and inviting us to turn, to return to You. Help us love as You do and dress ourselves with the kindness of Jesus. Amen

Psalms 119:33-40 *Teach, Give, Direct, Turn*

Teach me, LORD, the way of Your decrees, that I may follow it to the end.

Give me understanding, so that I may keep Your law and obey it with all my heart.

Direct me in the path of Your commands, for there I find delight.

Turn my heart toward Your statutes and not toward selfish gain.

Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to Your Word.

Fulfill Your promise to Your servant, so that You may be honored.

Take away the disgrace I dread, for Your laws are good.

How I long for your precepts! In Your righteousness preserve my life.

Amen

Romans 13:8-14 *A Good Debt*

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery”, “You shall not murder”, “You shall not steal”, “You shall not covet”, and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself”.

Love does no harm to a neighbor.

Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

The night is nearly over; the day is almost here.

So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.

Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus the Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Amen