

Prayer for Illumination: Heavenly Father, the one true God, please instruct us from Your trustworthy, Spirit-given word. Transform our lives by the renew-ing of our minds, for the blessing of many, for our joy, and the glory of Jesus, in whose name we ask. Amen.

Testimony about Our Surpassingly Great God

The prophets gave us a huge gift.

"Birth Announcements"

...no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

– 2 Peter 1.21

1. God grows His Kingdom by the W _____ of Christ's church; the P _____ are His S _____.
2. J _____ life V _____ the prophets.
3. He could not arrange the D _____ of His B _____, but it happened (*Mat 1*) as had been P _____:
 - A. His A _____ and P _____:
 - 1) A _____ (*Genesis 12.3; 22.18*),
 - 2) I _____ (*Genesis 17.19; 21.12*),
 - 3) J _____ (*Numbers 24.17*),
 - 4) J _____ (*Ge 49.10, but Ge 38 & Deu.23.2*),
 - 5) D _____ (*2 Samuel 7.12f; Isaiah 9.7*),
 - 6) J _____ (*All the above, but Jer 22.30*),
 - 7) M _____ (*All the above + Lk 3.31 & Is 7.14*),

Q: Which piece of evidence speaks most C _____ to you?

For May 3, please read Luke 2.

Prayer of Petition: Lord God, You deserve all of me.

I want to live my life fully committed to You, everything about me being used to express love for You in every moment of every day. Help me to stay true to You, the one true God, for the glory of Jesus, Who taught us to pray, saying,

"Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. " Amen.

Confession of Faith and Sins: I believe in Jesus, Lord of all, that God raised Him from the dead; I believe that in Him I have new and eternal life, with my sins forgiven through redemption in His blood. I also confess and believe that through living my life by faith I can have abundant life.

In that confidence, I confess my unrighteous thoughts, words, and deeds, and my failures to act in obedient faith. **(silent, personal confession)** Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness & Response of Praise:

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One. Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son, and leaving Your Spirit 'til Your work on earth is done. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession (worship leaders)