



THE CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION

REZGROUP LEADER GUIDE WEEK OF AUGUST 14, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Early Riser Morning Prayer: Starting the week of August 22 at Rez, in the sanctuary at 7:15am
2. Evening Prayer & Happy Hour; Fridays in August, 5:30-6:30pm at Rez
3. Rez Youth Movie Night: Friday, August 26, 8-10:30pm, in the parish's side yard (weather permitting)
4. Joel Ansett in Concert: Sunday, August 28, doors open 7:30pm and the concert begins at 8pm. Registration is required, but tickets are free.
5. Annual Meeting: Sunday, September 18, 1:30 pm at Rez. Everyone is welcome; members will vote on key matters including budget and Parish Council representatives.
6. Fall Rez Foundations: Beginning Wednesday, September 21

SCRIPTURE - Proverbs 6:6-11, 16:13, and 22:29

Discussion Questions

1. **As Protestants, we believe we are saved "by faith alone," and not by works. Why do the Proverbs extol hard work so much then?**
2. **In Proverbs 6, the ant is praised for working hard without a ruler. In Proverbs 16 and 22, we see that the favor of kings is a good thing for men. What's up with that?**
3. **In the context of these verses, what is the kind of work that pleases God?**
4. **What can we learn about fighting sin from Proverbs 6:6-11?**

PRAYER

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Officiant says

May Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Intercessions and thanksgivings follow. Please include the following in your prayer:

Missionary: Michael & Suzanne, working in North Africa

- *Pray that their trip to the States will be fruitful and encouraging.*

Persecuted Church and her Persecutors: [Nepal](#)

- *Pray that Christians in Nepal will have wisdom to know how to share their faith safely, and boldness to continue sharing the gospel.*
- *Pray God will soften the hearts of those enforcing the restrictions on evangelism, and that He might draw them to Himself through the courageous witness of our brothers and sisters.*

Global Concern: Conflict ridden areas: Ukraine/Russia, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Sudan.

Church Ministry: Parish Retreats, Justice ministries, missions

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

Officiant and People

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord!

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant may then conclude:

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*