



THE CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION

REZ GROUP LEADER GUIDE WEEK OF JUNE 11, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Summer 2023 Rez Foundations Course — *Beginning Wednesday, June 14, meeting weekly on Wednesdays, 7 pm at Rez (3rd Floor/ The Loft)*
- All-Parish Retreat — *Friday, August 25 to Sunday, August 27 back at Caboose Farm in Sabillasville, MD.*
- Rez Youth Gathering & Summer Events:
 - *Sunday 6/25 – Game Day (or rain delay hike), after morning service*
 - *Saturday 7/8 – Nats vs. the Texas Rangers, walk from the church at 3:30 pm*
 - *Sunday 7/23 – Picnic and Lawn Games, after morning service*
 - *Friday 8/11 7-10 pm – Movie Night in the Loft at Rez*
 - *Friday-Sunday 8/25-27 – Parish Retreat at Caboose Farm Maryland*
 - *Sunday 9/10 5-6:30 pm – Bible and Burgers at Rez, during evening service*

SCRIPTURE - Romans 4:13-18

- 1. What do we think of the phrase “righteousness of faith “ in verse 13? Do we think about our daily lives in terms of righteousness and unrighteousness, or faithfulness or unfaithfulness to Christ and others? What default frameworks do we use to get through the day?**
- 2. Verse 15 says that “For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.” What was the purpose of the law (the Torah)? Would all of us be better off if God didn’t give it to His people?**
- 3. In the latter part of verse 17, it says that God "gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.” What are some examples in our lives that testify to God bringing life to things seemingly dead or defying certain realities that we thought were unchangeable?**

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 forever. 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: Mike and Suzanne S, serving in the Arab world

- *I (Mike) am going on a vision trip to [a new Middle Eastern country] in May and will stop in [original Middle Eastern country] (Fly to [original country] on May 3 and [new country] on May 11 returning to the US on May 25) to visit friends and work on dealing with the stuff we have in storage. Pray that I will have good health and be able to sell/give away as much as possible of our stuff and be able to arrange the shipping of our remaining stuff so that it won't fall on the shoulders of others. Pray that I will have a clear sense of what God is calling us to do in [new country] (we really sense that is the direction and now are trying to determine timing and other specifics). I will be visiting 5-6 different cities in [new country]. Also, prayer for Suzanne as she holds down the fort while I am gone.*

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

- *Please pray for justice for Christians being denied their basic rights*
- *Pray that new Christians facing strong disapproval and persecution would know God's presence*
- *Pray for missionaries' work to disciple believers and strengthen the church.*

Conflict-ridden areas: Ukraine/Russia, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Myanmar, etc.

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*