

This week we will be looking at the first mark of being a Methodist
The First Mark: A Methodist Gives Thanks

Monday May 15th

Followers of Jesus give thanks—not for what is happening to us but for the fact that nothing can happen to us apart from the presence of God with us. *Read Romans 8:38.* How might that bring comfort during a difficult day? Now *read Philippians 4:11.* What kind of benefit do you see to being a disciple that continually gives thanks?

Tuesday May 16th

Read 1 Peter 5:7 and revisit Philippians 4:11. Read them slowly, out loud if possible and jot down your reflections.

Wednesday May 17th

Read or sing the text of the following hymn from Charles Wesley, O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing. You can find the hymn in a hymnal or it was sent via AgapeNet on Monday.

Thursday May 18th

Read John Wesley's sermon "God's Love to Fallen Man" and write your reflections in your journal. The sermon link was sent on Monday via AgapeNet.

Friday May 19th

Look for a practical way today to serve someone else using the lessons you have learned so far about giving thanks. Write down what you did and how it made you feel in your journal.

Saturday May 20th

In the early days of Methodism, John Wesley instructed each small group to answer certain questions aloud in the presence of others in the group, for the purpose of shared accountability and support. The following are two of the questions they asked each other. Answer the questions and reflect on your answers in your journal. *Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy, or distrustful? How do I spend my spare time?*

Look at the prayer list. Who can you pray for? Who needs a little extra help in an area where you can make a difference?

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OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS & REFLECTIONS