



## Follow Me

*John 10:22–30*

*I know them, and they follow me. . .*

*I and the Father are one.*

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### This Weeks World Church Daily Prayer for Peace Countries

<i>Today</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
<b>Korea</b>	Papua New Guinea	<b>Taiwan</b>	<b>Japan</b>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Next Sunday</i>
<b>Slovakia</b>	<b>Slovenia</b>	Seychelles	<b>Somalia</b>

## Thoughts for the Week

Scriptures: Acts 5: 27-32 • Revelation 5: 11-14 • John 21: 1-19

Jesus called people to follow him. Today He calls us to follow Him.

Peter was a fisherman, in partnership with his brother Andrew, and Zebedee's sons, James and John. It was Andrew who first introduced Peter to Jesus. One day, as they were at work, Jesus came along the beach and called them to follow him. They walked away from their fishing business to follow Jesus.

*(John 1:35-42, Matt 4:18-23, Luke 5:1-11)*

Later, when Jesus' teaching seemed too difficult, many people turned back from following him. Jesus asked the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Peter replied, "Lord, who else could we go to? You have the words of eternal life. We are convinced you are the Holy One of God"

*(John 6:66-69)*

When Jesus was arrested, Peter followed him to the High Priest's house. In the courtyard, he was recognized as a follower of Jesus, but he denied it, swearing that he had never met him. Then, as the rooster crowed, he realized he had betrayed his Leader, just as Jesus had predicted.

*(Luke 22:54-62)*

After Jesus rose from the dead, he appeared to the disciples many times over forty days. Early one morning, he met them on a beach. He talked to Peter and reinstated him, commissioning him to "feed my sheep." He predicted that Peter would die as a martyr. Once again, he called him; "Follow me." When Peter saw John walking behind them, he said, "What about him?" Jesus said, in effect; "My plan for him is not your business. You must simply keep on following me!"

*(John 21)*

*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know & never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown?  
Will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?  
Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?  
Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?  
Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight & touch & sound in you & you in me?  
Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In Your company I'll go where Your love & footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

*By John L. Bell & Graham Maule,*

*Happy Birthday - Maxine (4/18)*

## **Prayer Thought – Korea**

Creator God, we praise you and give you thanks for the beauty of creation and the blessings of life. May we be guided by your spirit as we seek to uphold the sacredness of creation and value the worth of each person.

We ask forgiveness of selfishness and pride which has made us less than you created us to be. Help us live in righteous relation with you, with one another and with your world.

We rejoice when one step is made toward peace between nations but know the journey is long, and the steps are many. Today, please hear our prayers for the people of Korea, both North and South. May they be encouraged to continue their quest for justice for all people.

We pray for the just and equitable use of the resources of the Earth. May all people be wise partakers of your bounty. We pray for people in pursuit of their daily livelihood. May they know peace and be able to celebrate the present day joyfully.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of peace, we pray. Amen.

# Stewardship Thought

*"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." ACTS 13:52*

Because the disciples heard Our Lord's call,  
they were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality.

We, too, can experience that same joy if we take time to open our hearts,  
listen to God, ask for His direction  
and allow the Holy Spirit to guide our lives and our decisions.

## Quote for the Week

How are we to know the voice of the Good Shepherd from the voice of a stranger? Can any person answer this question? I can. It is very easy. To every philosopher upon the earth, I say, your eye can be deceived, so can mine; your ear can be deceived, so can mine; the touch of your hand can be deceived, so can mine; but the Spirit of God filling the creature with revelation and the light of eternity, cannot be mistaken – the revelation which comes from God is never mistaken.

When an individual, filled with the Spirit of God, declares the truth of heaven, the sheep hear that, the Spirit of the Lord pierces their inmost souls and sinks deep into their hearts; by the testimony of the Holy Ghost light springs up within them, and they see and understand for themselves.

*Discourses of Brigham Young*