

## CONNECTING MEOTA April 17th , 2024

**This newsletter is meant to inspire, engage, and encourage everyone in the Meota Parish to seek God and reach out to one another through love.**

**Our next church service will be**

**Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>**

**10:30 am**

**at St George's Diamond Valley, Christ Church Millarville**

The people of St. James are welcome to worship with us at Christ Church or St. George's.  
We would love to see you and worship with you among us!!



Join us for Worship  
In Person Services at 10:30am  
Christ Church, Millarville  
&  
St George's, Diamond Valley

Upcoming Events **It's not too late to join us.**

## ANGLICAN PLUS

***Let us challenge ourselves to become mature in our understanding of the faith!*** Hebrews 6:1

In Lent we had movies, zoom chats, a wide variety of church services to help us draw nearer to God.

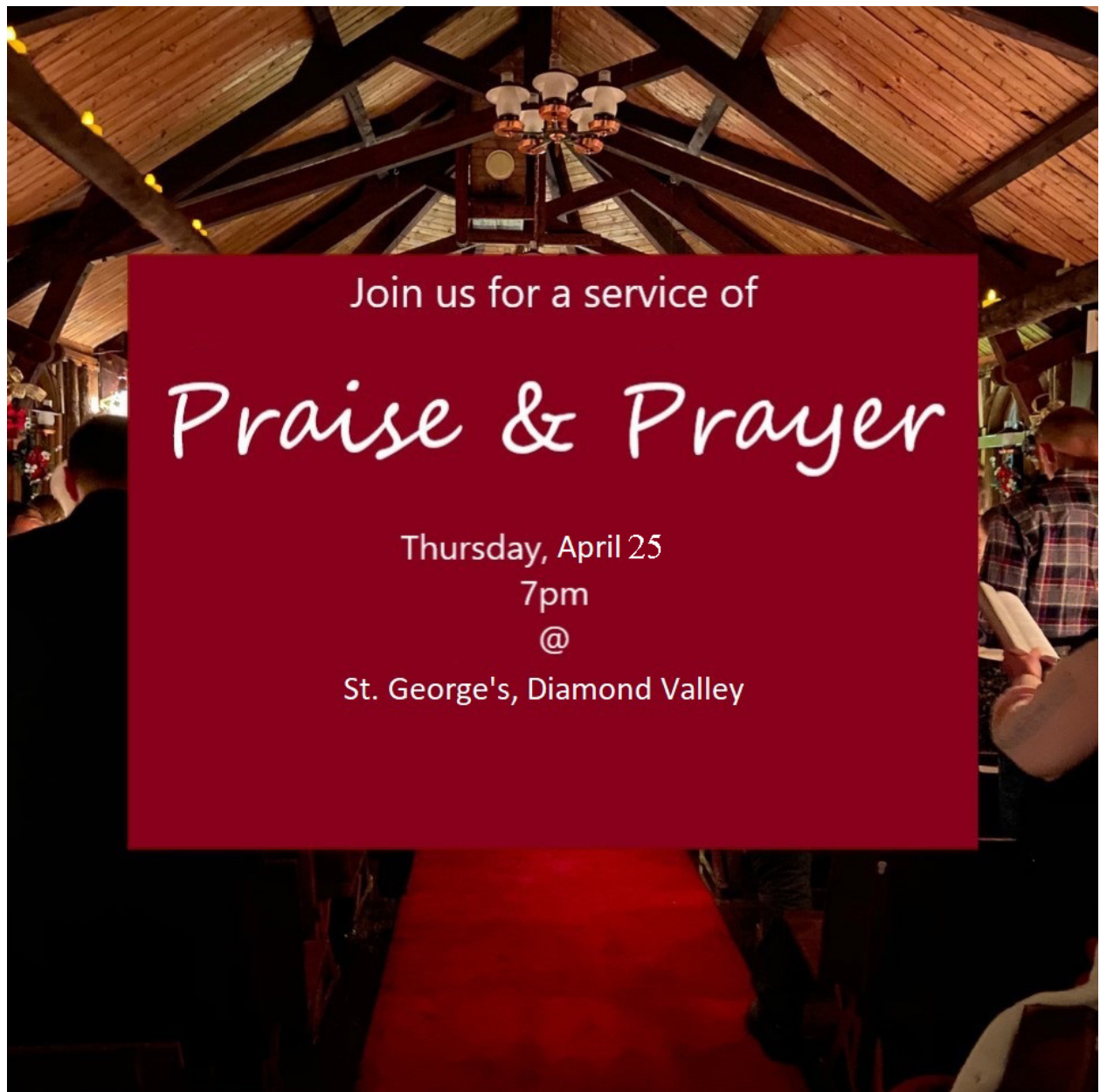
In Apr/May there will be classes to delve into our Christian Faith and how it is expressed in our Anglican tradition.

**ALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT CHRIST CHURCH AFTER COFFEE TIME.** There should be enough time for St George people to tootle over and join the conversation! Every week is it's own topic. You can drop in anytime!



Come to ANGLICAN PLUS for a time of learning, sharing and great conversation!

Come for the reverence.  
Come for the healing.  
Come for the Peace.  
Come to the Prayer and Praise service.



# APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> ST. GEORGE'S DAY



He is the patron saint of England and is venerated as one of the 14 Auxiliary Saints (Holy Helpers). Nothing of George's life or deeds can be established, but tradition holds that he was a Roman soldier and was tortured and decapitated under Diocletian's persecution of Christians in 303.

## St. George's Day in Newfoundland and Labrador

In Newfoundland and Labrador, a government-designated paid holiday is observed for St. George's Day on the Monday closest to 23rd April.

## When is St. George's Day?

St. George's Day is celebrated annually on 23rd April, as this is the generally accepted date of St. George's death.

St. George is also the patron saint of England, Portugal, Georgia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Macedonia, and many cities across Europe.

## History of St. George's Day

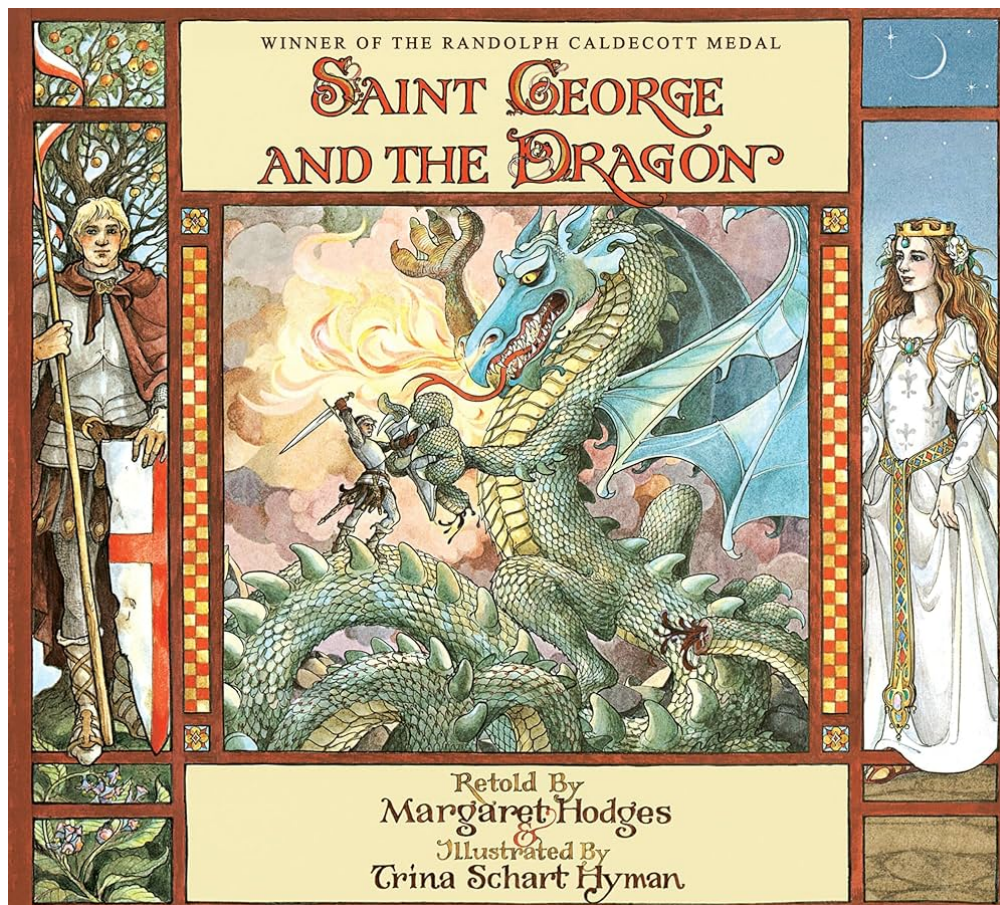
St. George was a cavalryman in the Roman army at Lydda, now in modern-day Israel. He was a Christian at a time when Rome was ruled by the emperor Diocletian, who was anti-Christian.

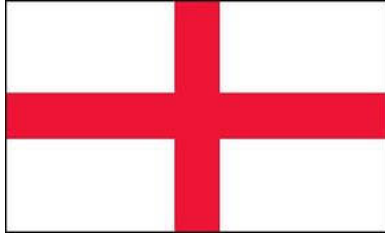
He refused to make sacrifices to the Roman gods. As a result, he was tortured over several years and eventually suffered a martyr's death, when he was beheaded in 303 AD.



# ST GEORGE SLAYS A DRAGON

In a legend, Saint George—a soldier venerated in Christianity—defeats a dragon. The story goes that the dragon originally extorted tribute from villagers. When they ran out of livestock and trinkets for the dragon, they started giving up a human tribute once a year. This was acceptable to the villagers until a princess was chosen as the next offering. St. George thereupon rescues the princess and kills the dragon. The narrative was first set in Cappadocia in the earliest sources of the 11th and 12th centuries, but transferred to Libya in the 13th-century *Golden Legend*.





### A Prayer for St George's Day



God of hosts,  
who so kindled the flame of love in the heart of  
your servant George that he bore witness to  
the risen Lord by his life and by his death:  
give us the same faith and power of love that we  
who rejoice in his triumphs may come to share  
with him the fullness of the resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.



**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Readings**

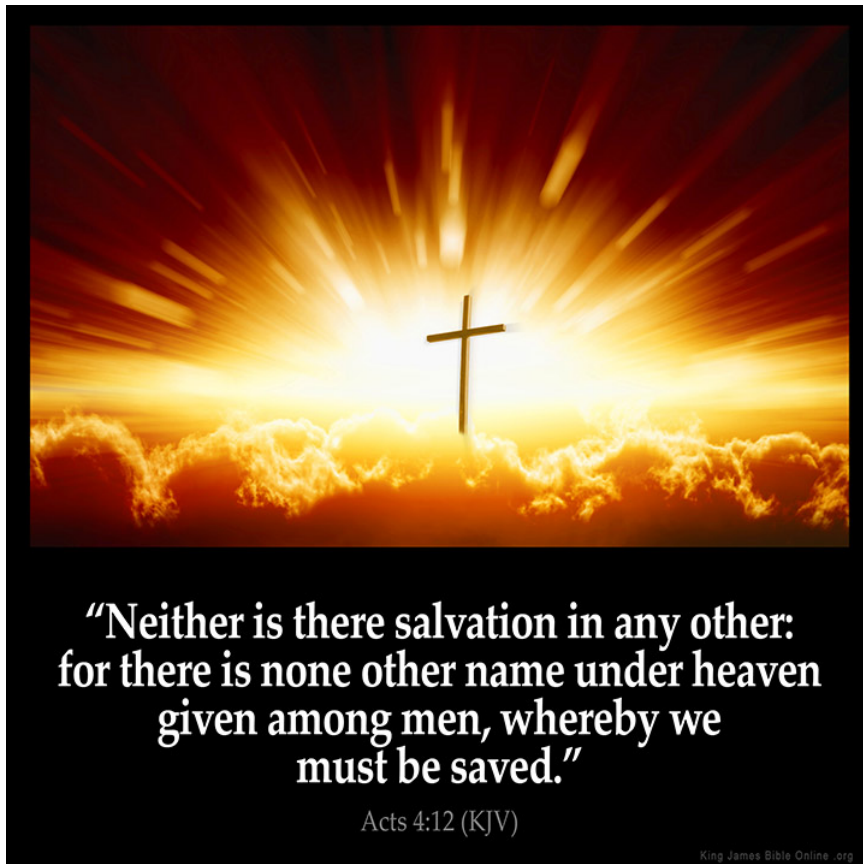
ACTS 4:5-12; PSALM 23; 1 JOHN 3:16-24; JOHN 10:11-18

**First Reading**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, **"Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."**

ACTS 4:5-12



## Second Reading

### A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. **And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.** All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. 1 JOHN 3:16-24

## Gospel

### THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

**Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."** The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father." JOHN 10:11-18





## The Psalm for Sunday April 21<sup>ST</sup>

# The Lord is my Shepherd

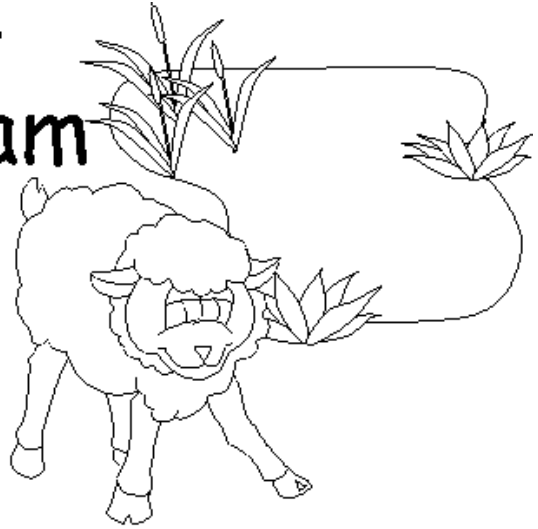
The LORD is my shepherd: I shall lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.  
He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me.  
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil. My cup runs over.  
Surely goodness and loving kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the LORD's house forever.

Psalm 23 (NHEB)

Read more prayers like this at [www.lords-prayer-words.com](http://www.lords-prayer-words.com)

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

# Psalm 23 Anagram



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FUNNY BONES

YOU KNOW THE  
BEST PART  
ABOUT HAVING A  
GOOD SHEPHERD?



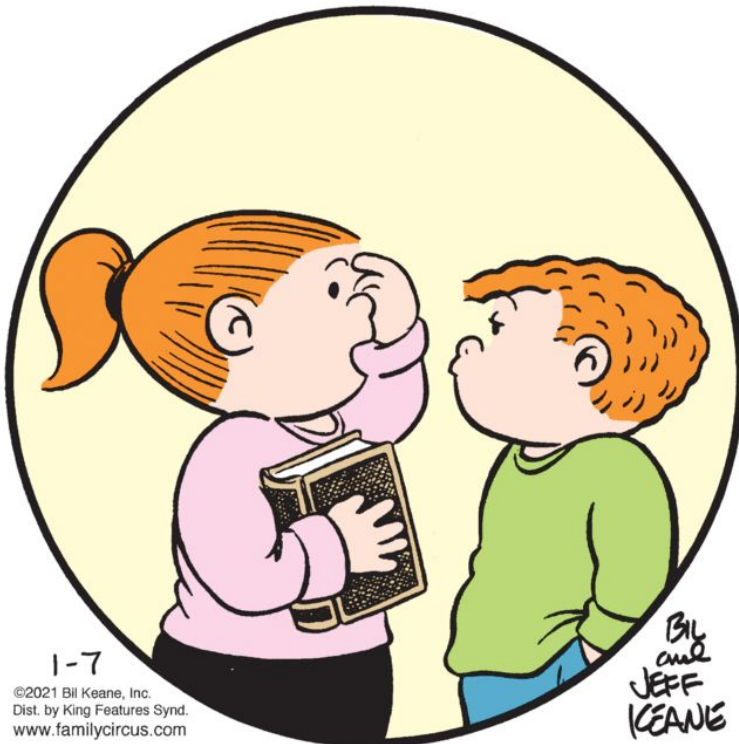
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BEING A SHEEP!



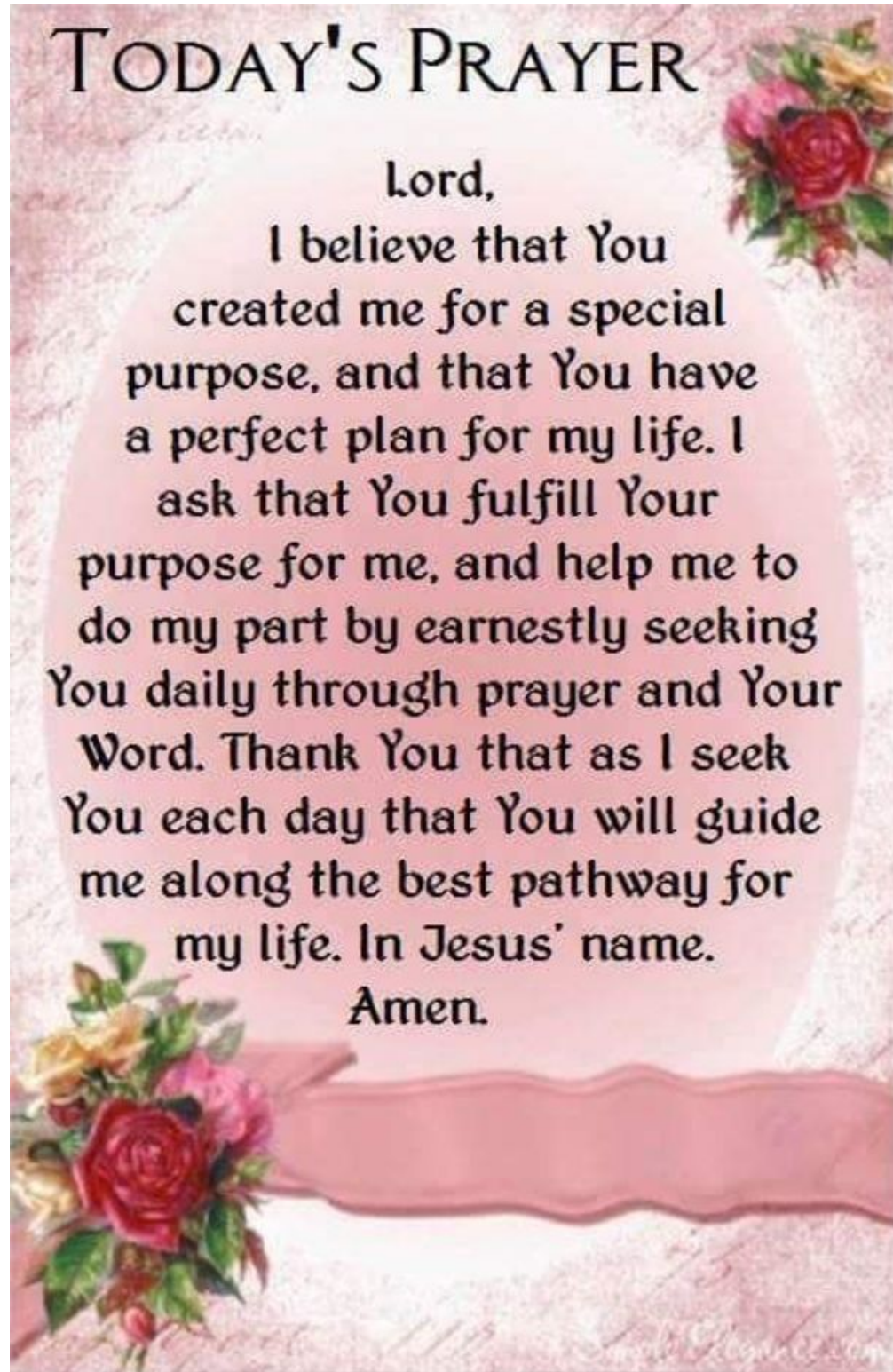
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**“Conscience is when God sends  
a text to your head.”**



GO IN PEACE TO LOVE ANS SERVE THE LORD



ALLELUIA!!!