

not their own.

"When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you... you shall make response before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt...few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. Then we cried to the LORD, ... and the LORD heard our voice'" (26:1, 5-7).

We don't impress God. We exist because of Him. We didn't make ourselves. The abundant blessings we enjoy reflect on Him, not us. Our fallen hearts tell us that the gifts we receive mean in some way we are special, when the Giver of the gifts deserves all the credit. Along with all our blessings, all our worth comes from God, and He gets all the glory.

Poem of Praise: After 400 years, Israel was about to enter the land God had promised Abraham from Day One. Wilderness wandering was about to end. Milk and honey were ready to flow. Who made it all possible? And who would protect and sustain them in their new home?

"The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms. He thrust out the enemy before you and said, 'Destroy.' So Israel lived in safety, Jacob lived alone, in a land of grain and wine, whose heavens drop down dew" (Deuteronomy 33:27-28).

It has been said, "If we give thanks for the socks we received at Christmas, shouldn't we also give thanks for the feet we put in them?" An anonymous author confessed, "I asked God for all things, so I could enjoy life. But He gave me life, so I can enjoy all things." It is essential that we give thanks for the world we were born into and for the birth that gave us the world. Thanksgiving not only gives credit where credit is due, it focuses our faith on our Provider and Sustainer. It reminds us from Whom all blessings flow and tells us where to look when we need help.

Life's first lesson is that life is good, but its lasting lesson is that life is about Someone else. The most cramped, confining, and frustrating life centers on self. God alone sets us free and makes life worth living.

Prayer for ...

- **Northpoint:** Ask God to reshape our church according to His plan protect us from sin and division.
- **Local Outreach:** Don and Debi Isaacs (Awana California Golden West)
- **Missions:** Steven Phillips (World Harvest/Serge), Spain

Need to pray with someone?

It is our privilege to pray for you personally. Share your prayer requests

- By email at prayer@northpointcorona.org
- By phone, at 951.734.1335
- On a Response Card in the pew during the worship service

Prayer Team members are available after every worship service.



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Bible Reading Plan and Prayer Guide

(Year ONE) August 2018

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Life 101

Even after 5,000 years of history, to each new generation the world is dazzlingly new. Nothing makes sense. Questions outnumber answers, confusion reigns. Why am I here? Where did I come from? How should I behave? No one escapes this essential human dilemma.

When you're learning, things bear repeating. Review reinforces memory, especially when time has passed. That's Deuteronomy's role in the Old Testament. Israel had wandered 40 years since receiving the Ten Commandments and learning God's holy standards. Much had been forgotten and the new generation needed instruction.

In Deuteronomy, Moses reviewed for a new generation the law given 40 years before. It was their orientation as they prepared to enter the Promised Land—"Life 101" for the new "freshman" class.

What Matters? In Deuteronomy 6, Moses got Israel's attention. Of first importance is the God who called them. *"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might"* (6:4-5). The One True God was to be Israel's supreme love and governing desire. It was God's love that was to guide their values and actions, their perceptions and instruction, their homes and habits, their daily lives and future posterity. The LORD God was their good.

Needs, wants, cravings, and desires confront us from birth. Reflexively, we grab what pleases us and feeds our appetites. This behavior seems to make sense. Survival requires that we meet our needs. Satisfied desire makes life full. But a world made of only desire and gratification is a cage that reduces life to slavery. In the place of this animal-like subsistence, the Creator of all things offers us Himself. The Author of life invites us to live in love with Him in whose "presence is fullness of joy" (Psalm 16:11), trusting Him alone to satisfy.

Reality Check: Preparing to enter a *"land flowing with milk and honey,"* destroy its inhabitants, and take over, this new generation needed perspective. Yes they were instruments of God's judgment and recipients of His blessing. But that fact revealed God's greatness,

Reading and Prayer Schedule (Year ONE)

August 2018

Sunday: Church & Ministry	Monday: Home & Family	Tuesday: School or Job	Wednesday: Neighbors & Community	Thursday: Nation	Friday: World & Kingdom	Saturday: Praise for God's Blessings
			1) Read: Deuteronomy 4 Pray for ... The salvation of those you interact with in the community: workers at stores, gas stations, and other places you visit.	2) Read: Deuteronomy 5 Pray for ... God to turn the heart of our nation to Himself. May we repent of the idolatry of materialism, self-indulgence, and self-reliance.	3) Read: Deuteronomy 6 Pray for ... Northpoint's outreach in Botswana to strengthen His Church to win people to Christ and build them up in Him.	4) Read: Deuteronomy 7 Give praise for ... Those who spread the Gospel faithfully in foreign lands, where Christ is not known.
5) Read: Deuteronomy 8 Pray for ... Steve Flood: Non-staff Elder to have God's protection and blessing for himself and his family to walk in God's ways and grow into His image.	6) Read: Deuteronomy 9 Declare ... Your commitment to Christ: <i>As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord</i> (Joshua 24:15). Ask God build your family up in Christ.	7) Read: Deuteronomy 10 Pray for ... The spiritual needs of those you serve where you work or your teachers at school: May they know Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior.	8) Read: Deuteronomy 11 Pray for ... God's wisdom and justice to rule in the courts in our community.	9) Read: Deuteronomy 12 Pray for ... God to influence our courts to exalt Biblical righteousness in the way they apply our nation's laws. Ask God to win judges to Christ.	10) Read: Deuteronomy 13 Pray for ... Spiritual and academic success for the Akaki school in Ethiopia, in leading many to worship the incarnate Christ.	11) Read: Deuteronomy 14 Rejoice in ... The good work God has provided for you to do, however mundane or challenging the tasks.
12) Read: Deuteronomy 15 Pray for ... Vinof Zechariah: Non-staff Elder. Ask God for spiritual strength & protection to spread the news of Christ to those who don't know Him.	13) Read: Deuteronomy 16 Pray for ... Your parents. May they love the Lord their God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength and their neighbor as themselves.	14) Read: Deut. 17-18 Pray for ... Opportunities to express God's love for others on your job or at school.	15) Read: Deut. 19-20 Pray for ... God to use us to reach our community with the message of His love for them in Christ Jesus.	16) Read: Deuteronomy 21 Pray for ... God's guidance for Congress to enact laws that honor Him and lead our nation to do what is right.	17) Read: Deuteronomy 22 Pray for ... Protection, strength, and boldness for Christians in the Muslim world, especially in troubled lands: Iraq, Syria, Iran, Palestine, Libya & others.	18) Read: Deuteronomy 23 Thank God for ... The relationships in your life, especially those that can be easy to overlook.
19) Read: Deuteronomy 24 Pray for ... Mike Russell, non-staff elder to be animated by the conviction that God is working in Him to save souls and change lives.	20) Read: Deut. 25-26 Pray for ... Your brothers and sisters: Ask God to draw them to Himself and keep them in His care.	21) Read: Deuteronomy 27 Pray for ... Wisdom and positive relationships at work or school. Ask God to make you an example of Christian love and joy.	22) Read: Deuteronomy 28 Pray for ... Revival in the churches in our community, so we love God's truth and share it with others.	23) Read: Deuteronomy 29 Pray for ... 1) Revival in the Church in the United States. 2) Renewal of our nation's culture to honor God. 3) Removal of godless leaders from office.	24) Read: Deuteronomy 30 Pray for ... God to send laborers into His harvest field in Russia and Ukraine, where the need is great & people hunger for the Gospel.	25) Read: Deuteronomy 31 Praise God ... From whom ALL blessings flow. List 20 ways God has blessed your life, and give Him praise to each one.
26) Read: Deuteronomy 32 Pray for ... Terilyn Brown, Ministry Director for Children, to lead the children of Northpoint she works with to follow Christ as they see Him in her life.	27) Read: Deuteronomy 33 Pray for ... Pray for God to make you & your family a light of God's truth & love to specific people whom He lays on your heart to win to Christ.	28) Read: Deuteronomy 34 Pray for ... The quality and effectiveness of your work to serve others and exalt Christ.	29) Read: Romans 1 Pray for ... Increased prayer & spiritual power in the churches of Corona. Pray that we love God more & depend on His power, not our own giftedness.	30) Read: Romans 2 Pray for ... Prayer in the Church in America. Ask God to create a passion for Him that expresses itself in regular, ongoing prayer.	31) Read: Romans 3 Pray for ... God to send laborers into His harvest field from the United States, along with other countries throughout the world.	

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. – Hebrews 12:1-2