

## A Liturgy for Bible Sunday

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### Call to Worship

I treasure your word in my heart,  
    **so that I may not sin against you.**  
Blessed are you, O LORD;  
    **I will not forget your word.**

The LORD exists forever;  
    **your word is firmly fixed in heaven.**  
Your word is a lamp to my feet  
    **and a light to my path.**

*from Psalm 119*

### Call to Confession

As your word tells us, we have all sinned and fallen short of your glory. Let us join together now and repent of our sins, both corporate and individual.

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Lord, we fail to keep your word in our mind and heart, which makes us even more vulnerable to sin. We know better. We fail to use the opportunities you give us to tell others about you, when we should be sharing such good news with every breath. Sometimes we try to make your word say what we want it to say rather than looking for your truth. We believe that all scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. Hold us accountable to your teachings. We beg for your grace and forgiveness. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

Let the wicked forsake their way,  
    and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the LORD, that God may have mercy on them,  
    and to our God, for abundant pardon.  
*based on Isaiah 55:7 (NRSV)*

### Idea for Children's Time

Teach children the song "The B-I-B-L-E."

### Prayer for Illumination

God, we truly believe that your word guides us on the paths of our life. Open our hearts and minds to hear your word and the message you have for us. Amen.

### **Scripture Possibilities for the Sermon**

- Colossians 3:16-17
- Acts 17:10-13
- 2 Timothy 3:14-17

### **Prayers of the People**

Lord, we come before you with many different things on our hearts and minds. Help us to be sensitive to others and how we can minister to them. Bring a new awareness to this congregation of how we can minister to people both inside and outside these walls, as your word tells us to do. Amen.

### **Invitation to the Offering**

As we are told throughout scripture, we are to bring our tithes and offerings to God, not reluctantly, but with great joy. I invite you to do so now.

### **Offertory Prayer**

Creator of all, we give you thanks for the many blessings we have received and for the opportunity to give a portion of those blessings back to you so that others may also be blessed. Use our gifts to further the spread of the good news of your abundant grace to all people that is available through belief in Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

### **Charge and Benediction**

As you leave this place, commit to increase the time you spend in God's word in the days and weeks to come so that you may be prepared to stand firm in your faith.

Go with peace, love, and compassion into the world. Amen.

### **Possible hymns:**

- Word of God Incarnate
- Thy Word
- Standing on the Promises
- How Firm a Foundation
- I Love the Bible, the Word of God

I love the Bible, the Word of God,  
It is the Word God has given to man,  
Telling who God is, all that He's done,  
How much He loved me; He sent His Son.

I love the Bible, the Word of God,  
It is the Word God gave unto us,  
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