

*Daily Morning Message*

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*Daily Lectionary Readings*

*Psalm 23*

*Exodus 24:9-11*

*James 4:1-10*

*Today's Scripture Verse:*

*You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. (James 4:2b-3)*

*What it means:*

The Epistle of James is one of the New Testament examples of wisdom literature – practical advice that stems from a faith tradition. In this verse, James comments on the efficacy of prayer. Christian prayer is not for the purpose of obtaining a personal advantage but to obtain wisdom or insight that contributes to the building of community.

*Our time of prayer:*

God grant us the wisdom that comes from the knowledge of your compassion, so that we may walk humbly with you, abiding in the fellowship of peace.

