

INSPIRING WORSHIP ALL WEEK

K E Y	<p>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Luke 4:18-19</p>
R E A D I N G S	<p>Preparing for Sunday, January 26th</p> <p>Day 1— Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10</p> <p>Day 2— Psalm 19</p> <p>Day 3— 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a</p> <p>Day 4— Luke 4:14-21</p> <p>Day 5— Isaiah 61:2-3</p> <p>Day 6— Revelation 22:1-5</p> <p style="text-align: right;">*Sunday readings in bold.</p>
A P P L Y	<p>Some years ago, singer Dionne Warwick had a popular song that starts out “What the world needs now is love, sweet love.” While love is something that the world will always need more of, what many in the world are also looking for is hope. The type of hope that Jesus offers in our key verse today. Good news to the poor, freedom for prisoners, sight for the blind, and release from oppression. The type of hope that things of this world can’t offer, but faith in Jesus can. And if we as Christ followers can only project the hope that we have to others, we can play a small part in changing the world. Chapter 3 in the book of 1 Peter tells us “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” Do our lives project enough hope to others that people would ask us about it? I’m sure we would all like to “hope so!”</p>
P R A Y E R	<p>Blessed Lord – You have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may be comforted by their promises and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.</p>

Devotions written by Trinity members.