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Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:1-16

The amount of daylight is getting longer by approximately two and a half minutes every day. We may not notice the difference every day, but over time, we are aware that we are enjoying periods of sunshine.

It is worth remembering that the God who said, "Let there be light," sent His Son into the world. Then about himself, God's Son said, "I am the light of the world," and then to his disciples, he said, "You are the light of the world."

As the light of Christ shines into our lives, we either reflect or absorb it. Jesus says we should be reflectors and should let the Light shine, not hide it under a bushel basket and keep it to ourselves.

Think about the ways you experience light and darkness as you journey through life. Many people have profound experiences and seasons of darkness. It is a lonely, scary, uncertain place. Yet it is into these dark places that the light of Christ shines. As you receive the light of Christ that dispels the darkness, give thanks. And remember that the light you receive can be reflected into the dark place in lives of friends, neighbors, and loved ones.

The light of Jesus Christ is reflected in our words and our deeds.

Continue to pray for the five (5) you have identified. Ask God to shine the Light into your life and into their lives.

Pray for pastors, preachers, teachers, musicians and other worship leaders today. Ask God to ignite the flame of God's Light in every life through the Word and Sacrament of worship tomorrow.