

A Roadmap of St. Alban's J2A Pilgrimage to Iceland

August 5-15, 2017

A Pilgrim's Prayer (taken from *A Wee Worship Book*)

Lord, give us wisdom before we speak, understanding while we listen, sensitivity towards those we meet, and the perspective of your kingdom in which to see the things of the earth. Bring us to the day's ending blessed through having shared the day's beginning. In Christ's Name we ask this, **Amen**.



Highlights from Our Journey:

Day 1 – Saturday/Sunday

Arrival at St. Alban's, Bus to Dulles, Flight to Reykjavik

Geysir Exploration and Hike

Arrival at Solheimar Village





Day 2 – Monday
 Gullfoss Waterfall
 Skalholt Church – Christianity’s
 center in Iceland starting in 1056
 Dinner at Ada Kugajevsky’s



Day 3 - Tuesday
 Thingvellir National Park – RAIN!
 Geothermal Pool in Laugarvatn





Day 4 – Wednesday
Kerid Crater Lake
Waterfalls: Seljalandfoss, Gljufurabui
Arrival in Vik



Day 5 – Thursday
Skogafoss Waterfall
Hike up Mountain, Eucharist
Long March to the Sea – DC 3, Black Sand Beach
Dyrholaey Arch – Puffins!





Day 6 – Friday
Hike for Morning Prayer, Time on the Beach
Glacier Walk





Day 7 – Saturday

Lake Kleifarvatn – Lunch/Swimming on the Beach

Krysuvik Mud Pots, Hike up Mountain

Arrival in Reykjavik



Day 8 – Sunday

Church at Hallgrimskirkja

Sightseeing in Reykjavik



Day 9 – Monday

Caving in Thingvellir National Park

White Water Rafting

Celebration Dinner



Day 10 – Tuesday
Blue Lagoon
Reykjavik and Dulles Airports



Why a Pilgrimage Isn't a Vacation:

- ❖ The point isn't to rest; it's to experience God in new ways
- ❖ It's not about finding the comforts of home in another place
- ❖ You form relationships across generations based on shared experience
- ❖ You learn firsthand the challenges – and blessings - of living in Christian community

Tips for Future Pilgrims (from one of our pilgrims)

- ❖ Bring a lot of water; stay hydrated.
- ❖ Eat food because being hangry affects everyone.
- ❖ Bring respect for yourself and others.
- ❖ Have patience - you will be spending a lot of time with the people you go with.
- ❖ Do something you wouldn't normally do - climb a mountain, try to capture sheep, etc.
- ❖ Understand that you are responsible for yourself and your things.
- ❖ J2A means Journey to Adulthood. Embody that.
- ❖ Sleep!
- ❖ If given the slide show project, don't start it when school does because it's a lot all at once.
- ❖ Use your time wisely and venture far because the trip is a privilege.

A Closing Blessing

May God, who is present in sunrise and nightfall, and in the crossing of the sea, guide our feet as we go.
May God, who is with us when we sit and when we stand, encompass us with love and lead us by the hand.
May God, who knows our path and the places where we rest, be with us in our waiting, be our good news for sharing, and lead us in the way that is everlasting. **Amen.**

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