



Submission Guidelines for The Journal

About the Magazine

Launching October 15th, *The Journal* will be published every other month by TWS Publishing. It's a space for grace-centered conversations, reflections, poetry, and creative expression. Each issue follows a theme, giving voice to both established and emerging writers within the TWS community and beyond.

We value honest storytelling, fresh perspectives, and creative expressions of grace. At its heart, *The Journal* reflects the absolute goodness of God, the scandalous beauty of His grace, and the life we all share in Christ with the Triune God. Every page carries this spirit—welcoming, freeing, rooted in love.

Upcoming Themes & Deadlines

- October | Roots & Beginnings — Submissions due Oct. 1, 2025
- December | Light in the Darkness — Submissions due October 15
- February | Windows of Reflection — Submissions due December 15
- April | Pages of Renewal — Submissions due February 15
- June | The Flow of Words — Submissions due April 15
- August | Fields of Memory — Submissions due June 15
- October | The Lamp and the Path — Submissions due August 15
- December | Peace Made Visible — Submissions due October 15

What We're Looking For

- Articles / Essays: 800–1,200 words (2-page spread)
- Short Reflections: 400–600 words (1 page)
- Poetry: Up to 40 lines
- Creative Tips & Lists: Practical insights, writing prompts, or themed lists that inspire creativity and reflection.
- Legacy & Creative Works: Generational stories, memoir snapshots, tributes, short fiction, creative nonfiction, or artistic expressions (length flexible, case by case)



We invite a variety of contributions — from personal reflections to poetry and even short theological essays (as long as they're accessible and grace-centered). Keep them concise and down-to-earth — we don't want readers to feel like they need a dictionary in hand while reading!

While not every piece can be published in each issue, every submission is valued. Selected works may be lightly edited for clarity, style, or length. We'll always honor your intent, and if a change significantly alters the feel of your piece, we'll reach out first — because your voice matters. We'll be in touch to let you know if your piece will be included, usually within 3–4 weeks after the submission deadline. And if there isn't space in the magazine, we may contact you about contributing to one of our co-authored books.

Submission Format

- Send as a Word document (.docx) or Google Doc link; Times New Roman, 12 pt., 1.5 spacing
- Include a short bio (50–100 words) and author photo (optional)
- Email subject line: The Journal Submission – [Theme] – [Your Name]

Rights & Publication

- Authors retain full copyright of their work
- TWS Publishing requests first publication rights and the right to archive submissions in The Journal (digital and print editions)
- At this time, contributions are voluntary and published as part of our growing grace-centered community
- Writers are welcome to submit to more than one theme or issue; multiple pieces may be featured if space allows.

How to Submit

Link: <https://forms.gle/PzNcS9c4Z3Ypcigu8>

The Journal exists to create a legacy of words that encourage, inspire, and reflect the beauty of grace. Every submission is a gift, and we're grateful for the chance to share your voice with our readers.