



“God Manifested in the Transfiguration of Jesus”

**5** PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK Psalm 77:18, 84:1-2, 4, 10-11

The lightnings lit | up the world;\*  
 the earth trem- | bled and shook.  
 How lovely is Your tabernacle, O | Lord of hosts!\*  
 My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts | of the Lord.  
 Blessed are those who dwell | in Your house;\*  
 they will still be | praising You.  
 Behold, O | God our shield,\*  
 and look upon the face of You're A- | nointed  
 For the Lord God is a | sun and shield;\*  
 the Lord will give grace and | glory.

**6** SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK Matthew 17:8

“And, when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.”

**7** READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

**8** PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O God, who in the glorious transfiguration of Your only-begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of the fathers and who, in the voice that came from the bright cloud, did in a wonderful manner foreshow the adoption of sons, mercifully make us co-heirs with the King of His glory and bring us to the enjoyment of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**9** PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

**10** SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK  
**How Lovely Shines the Morning Star**

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| <p>1. How lovely shines the Morning Star!<br/>                 The nations see and hail afar<br/>                 The light in Judah shining.<br/>                 Thou David's Son of Jacob's race,<br/>                 My Bridegroom and my King of Grace,<br/>                 For Thee my heart is pining.<br/>                 Lowly, Holy,<br/>                 Great and glorious, Thou victorious<br/>                 Prince of graces,<br/>                 Filling all the heavenly places.</p> | <p>5. Thou, mighty Father, in Thy Son<br/>                 Didst love me ere Thou hadst begun<br/>                 This ancient world's foundation.<br/>                 Thy Son hath made a friend of me,<br/>                 And when in spirit Him I see,<br/>                 I joy in tribulation.<br/>                 What bliss is this!<br/>                 He that liveth To me giveth<br/>                 Life forever;<br/>                 Nothing me from Him can sever.</p> |
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**1** BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:  
 In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**2** SAY THE APOSTLES' CREED  
 I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
 Maker of heaven and earth.  
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our  
 Lord, who was conceived by the Holy  
 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered  
 under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died  
 and was buried. He descended into hell.  
 The third day He rose again from the  
 dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at  
 the right hand of God, the Father  
 Almighty. From thence He will come to  
 judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy  
 Christian church, the communion of  
 saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
 resurrection of the body, and the life  
 everlasting. Amen.

**3** PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER  
 Our Father, who art in  
 heaven,  
 hallowed be Thy name,  
 Thy kingdom come,  
 Thy will be done on earth as it  
 is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily  
 bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses  
 as we forgive those who  
 trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into  
 temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For Thine is the kingdom and  
 the power and the glory  
 forever and ever. Amen.

**4** PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

*Morning.* I thank You, my  
 heavenly Father, through Jesus  
 Christ, Your dear Son, that You  
 have kept me this night from all  
 harm and danger; and I pray that  
 You would keep me this day also  
 from sin and every evil, that all my  
 doings and life may please You.  
 For into Your hands I commend  
 myself, my body and soul, and all  
 things. Let Your holy angel be with  
 me, that the evil foe may have no  
 power over me. Amen.

*Evening.* I thank you, my  
 heavenly Father, through Jesus  
 Christ, Your dear Son, that You  
 have graciously kept me this day;  
 and I pray that You would forgive  
 me all my sins where I have done  
 wrong, and graciously keep me this  
 night. For into Your hands, I  
 commend myself, my body and  
 soul, and all things. Let Your holy  
 angel be with me, that the evil foe  
 may have no power over me. Amen.

# Around the Word Devotions + the week of February 6-12, 2022

**THEME OF THE WEEK: God Manifested in the Transfiguration of Jesus**

The week of Transfiguration reminds us that everything comes to us in Jesus. Everything. Sinners try to look before Jesus. We try to look after Jesus. But God the Father repeatedly puts Jesus right in the middle of our hearts, ears, eyes and souls. Because every blessing, all goodness, and glory of the Father comes IN Jesus Christ our Lord. No one, but Jesus only.

**SUN**

**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 17:1-9: Jesus Only**

A great temptation of the disciples is to look before or after Jesus. But God the Father always works by His Spirit IN Jesus. Peter looks beyond Jesus when he starts suggesting tents. To the future. Peter does not rest IN Jesus. IN Jesus the fullness of God is pleased to dwell. God the Father interrupts Peter and puts Jesus, only, into the disciple's ears. Not Elijah. Not Moses. Jesus only. "Listen to Him." The Law and the Prophets were until John the Baptist. In Jesus comes the rule and reign of the Father's heavenly Kingdom. IN Jesus comes the Lord's Favor. In Jesus comes life, light, and salvation. In Jesus only. *Heavenly Father, by Your Word and Spirit interrupt our status quo and bring us Jesus, only. Amen.*

**MON**

**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 87: Glorious Things to You Are Spoken**

The restoration of land is important to God. He gave a good land to Abraham. He gives us a good land. Wherever the Church stands there is that good land. Your congregation is an embassy of God the Father's good heavenly land. Out there is the alien world that doesn't make sense. It stinks. It dies. In here, in these doors, hear the music and lessons, receive the good gifts of Jesus Christ- here is home. It's right. Good. True. Your feet are firmly planted here in the eternal world of Jesus Christ. He has entered our world as a man and done a good thing for you and all creation. Jesus speaks glorious things to you in this church. On this Land. Thank God. *Lord Jesus Christ, continue to break into this world in Word and Sacrament and help me make my home here. Amen.*

**TUE**

**SCRIPTURE: 2 Peter 1:16-21: We're Eyewitnesses. Not Crazy's.**

We're eyewitnesses. Not crazy's. Peter's reasoning is impeccable. We saw the light. We heard the words. We were struck to our knees. We were told to, "Listen." Christians who believe the Bible's story are not crazy. It's good to be reminded. Our faith in Jesus Christ and His promises are not misplaced. Jesus is alive. He is not dead anymore. That is why we have not been suckered by cleverly devised myths. Our faith is in the risen Son of God, Jesus Christ. There is hope in nothing else. Nothing. He is everything for us Christians. He is our bright morning star. He is our King. He guides and governs. He is our Lord. *Lord Jesus Christ, rule and reign my heart, tongue, and brain this day and all days so that I won't be lost to the insanity of unbelief. Amen.*

**WED**

**SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 61:10, 11: The Lord's Favor**

The Lord communicates His favor. For Isaiah, God gave a promise of future glory, restoration, and a clothing of righteousness. Sadly, Isaiah didn't live to see the fulfilment of God's glory in Christ. It was only and ever a promise. Many in Israel died longing for the Sundays we have. They desired to have our New Testament. We have Jesus. The embodied fulfilment of God's favor. In Word and deed, Jesus proclaimed the year of God's Favor. He was crucified. But God raised Him. And, to all who believe and trust in His name God that Father has given the gift of adoption into His Family. You are God's pleasure. He has made things right for you. He gave you Jesus. *Dear God, let your favor never forsake me. It comes to be in Jesus' Word and deeds. Amen.*

**THU**

**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 11:25-30: The Son Reveals**

Don't look before Jesus. Don't look after Him. Jesus reveals the Father to whomever He chooses. In the Old Testament you had to be a child of Abraham to know you were chosen. Now you have Baptism. In Your Baptism, God chose you as His own child and to live under Him in His kingdom. In Jesus, in His kingdom, you have everything. What could be better? What more is there to do? Nothing. Time to retire from all your little somethings, your lookings before, your lookings after. It's time to rest IN Jesus. *Lord Jesus Christ, help me to stop during these next forty days, to slow, to be at peace and rest in Your work and Word. Without You I have nothing. With You I have everything. Help me rest in You. Amen.*

**FRI**

**SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 4:5, 6: Jesus is the Father's Glory**

Jesus comes to Israel full of the Holy Spirit. He works. He preaches. He drives out the devil. Jesus establishes a new kingdom and a new creation. Then, He hands over the ministry of this work to the Church. He establishes preachers and teachers to continue driving out devils, sins, and hell from this creation but especially among you. You are God's mission field. You are the ones God wants to be His very own. He has now revealed the light of Christ into your hearts and souls by His Word and deed. Just as He has done long ago. We are not here because of ourselves. We are here because of God's Work through Jesus full of the Spirit. *Oh Lord of Light and Creation, never abandon me to the darkness. Always keep me in Jesus. Amen.*

**SAT**

**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 8: What is Man that You are Mindful of Him?**

God loves His creation. He thinks it's good. God wants His creation to be right. The Father wants you to be right. That is the only explanation for why this all-creating God is mindful of man. He loves His creation. He loves you. He sent Jesus as an embodied expression of His Grace and Favor for Israel and all creation. Israel rejected and killed Jesus. God raised Him and gave His Name as the only Name by which any man or woman or child can be saved. You have that name. Now you are Christian. *Great God of Israel, You have now chosen me in Jesus Christ. You have given me Your name which is above all names. Help me to cherish this good gift and trust. Amen.*

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