



5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK **Psalm 13:5-6, 1-4**

O Lord, I have trusted in Your / mercy;*
 my heart shall rejoice in Your sal- / vation.
 I will sing / to the Lord,*
 because He has dealt bountiful- / ly with me. (Psalm 13:5-6)
 How long, O Lord? Will You forget me for- / ever?*

How long will You hide Your / face from me?
 How long shall I take counsel / in my soul,*
 how long will my enemy be exalted / over me?
 Consider and hear me, O / Lord my God;*
 enlighten my eyes, lest I sleep the / sleep of death;
 lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed a- / gainst him”;*
 lest those who trouble me rejoice when / I am moved.

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **Psalm 34:22**

“The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.”

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

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O God, the Strength of all those who put their trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us the help of Your grace that in keeping Your commandments we may please You both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

9 PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

10 SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK
Lord Jesus Christ, With Us Abide

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| <p>1. Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,
 For round us falls the eventide;
 Nor let Thy Word, that heavenly light,
 For us be ever veiled in night.</p> <p>2. In these last days of sore distress
 Grant us, dear Lord, true
 steadfastness
 That pure we keep, till life is spent,
 Thy holy Word and Sacrament.</p> | <p>4. Oh, keep us in Thy Word, we pray;
 The guile and rage of Satan stay!
 Oh, may Thy mercy never cease!
 Give concord, patience, courage, peace.</p> <p>9. Oh, grant that in Thy holy Word
 We here may live and die, dear Lord;
 And when our journey endeth here,
 Receive us into glory there.</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.

THEME OF THE WEEK: **The Spirit's Words in Holy Scripture**

St. Paul concludes 1 Corinthians 13 with "So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." All three of these: faith, hope, and love are in our readings for this Octave of Trinity. The rich man lacks love for a neighbor, for he loves his possessions rather than God who reveals Himself in His Word. His neighbor, Lazarus, has faith that clings to God's mercy in Christ. The believer, like Lazarus who hopes in the life of the world to come, will be vindicated when we are redeemed from the sinful world like David was from Saul.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: **Luke 16:19-31 — The Rich Man and Lazarus Both Die**

The ancients had a phrase that some still use today. "Memento mori," meaning "remember you will die." Scripture tells us that death is the consequence of sin. Because all sin, all will die. The rich man lived as if God did not exist. Consequently, he had neither love nor compassion. Life was all about himself, not trusting God and not loving his neighbor who was suffering literally at his door. Far from being smothered by riches, Lazarus suffered. He couldn't escape the law and sin. He was reminded in his flesh constantly of sin's wages. This is good. Suffering taught Lazarus to believe in Abraham's Seed and Lord. By this faith Lazarus was saved. *Lord, thank You for opening our ears to hear and believe the Word of salvation. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: **Psalms 119:1-8 (ALEPH) — The Law of God is Our Delight**

"Blessed is the man . . . his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night." (Psalm 1:1) "Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!"

Blessed are those who keep his testimonies." (Psalm 119:1-2a) Blessed are you who love the Word of God. Apart from God's grace extended through the Word we are covetous, sinful and unclean. How can we say that the Law is our delight? The Word of God is powerful. It works not only faith in God's promises that save, it also turns our hearts to love all God has said and commanded. Praise God that He does not abandon you in sin. He brings you to himself through loving words of mercy merited by Jesus' blood. *Lord, help me to delight in Your Word. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: **1 John 4:16-21 — How Can We Know Love?**

God is love. Look to His Word which declares that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. This is God's love and it saves us. Both Testaments also reveal how we are to love God, with all of our heart, soul, and mind. Our love for others reflects God's love. On the Day of Judgement, everyone will see how the Christians were Christ's hands to mercifully provide for the world. Don't be afraid of that day. When you stand before the Father, you are already judged righteous on account of Christ alone. *Lord, thank You for first loving us. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: **Jeremiah 9:23, 24 — Wisdom Without Faith is Dead**

This world's wisdom cannot save. We need something better. True wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord. After we've been chastened to fear God's judgment through the Law, God delights to show us his Wisdom hidden from before the world's foundation: His Son and our Savior, Christ. Divine Wisdom is grasped by faith alone. Therefore we do not stand before God on the strength of our merits, wisdom, or riches. We stand before Him trusting in the Wisdom of the Word made flesh. Jesus, God's Incarnate Wisdom, lifted high upon the cross of Calvary, makes us holy and precious to God. *Lord, help us lean not on our own understanding, but upon Your Word. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: **Luke 12:13-21 — Covetousness Leads to Death**

Quick rule: if you ask Jesus a law question or statement, you will get a law answer. Example: "tell my brother to split the inheritance..." (verse 13) Answer: You are to be "rich toward God" or "rich in the sight of God." Is Jesus decrying wealth? Not exactly. He is diagnosing the sin of putting our trust in earthly riches. If our hearts are greedy and covetous of having bank accounts full of money and large estates, will our trust in them save us from sin and death? Jesus says, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Thanks be to God for the saving treasure in every Christian heart: Jesus as He is proclaimed in the Word, who baptized you, and who feeds you with His very body and blood. *Lord, keep us from all covetousness and save me by Your grace. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: **1 Timothy 6:6-19 — Love of Money is Death**

Continuing from yesterday's theme, Paul tells us that "the love of money is the root of all kinds of evils." This applies to the Church. How easy it is to sacrifice the teachings of the Word of God here and there for the achieving and maintaining of earthly gains. Wealth cannot buy contentment or freedom from death, as the rich man demonstrated Sunday. Rather, rejoice in what you have from the Father. He provides all that we need in this body and life, even the forgiveness of your sins in His Son, our Lord of lords. *Lord, help us to rejoice in all that you gracious give us. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: **Psalms 34 — Bless the Lord At All Times**

"I will bless the Lord at all times." Notice that David did not limit this to good times, times of peace and prosperity, or times of abundance. David wrote this reminder when he was on the run from King Saul. Only those who are God's people, called to faith through the Word, can be thankful at all times. Secured in Christ and His righteousness, we know that the evil we suffer in this fallen and sinful world will end when the Lord comes and redeems us. *Lord, help us to bless You in all circumstances. Amen.*