

5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK **Psalm 84:1-2, 4, 9-10, 11**

O God, be- / hold our shield,*
and look upon the face of Your a- / nointed.
For a day / in Your courts*
is better than a / thousand.
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
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house / of my God*
than dwell in the tents of / wickedness.
The Lord will give grace and / glory;*
no good thing will / He withhold.

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **John 5:8**
“Jesus said to him, ‘Get up, take up your bed, and walk.’”

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

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK
Keep, we implore You, O Lord, Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because the frailty of mankind without You cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

9 PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

10 SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK **Now Thank We All Our God**

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1. Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.
2. Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven:
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore!
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.



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 September 18-24, 2022

THEME OF THE WEEK: **Walking by Faith**

This week, we will turn our attention to a few of the times in Scripture that we see our Lord granting the gift of walking. We will consider what it means to walk with Christ, to walk by faith, and the nature of the healing miracles of Christ. All throughout this week, you are encouraged to keep in mind the ultimate healing that Christ gives to His people: the forgiveness of sins. This is promised to all who trust in Christ and walk before Him in faith.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: **Luke 17:11-19 – Returning to Christ**

We often hear about repentance. I'm sure you've been told before that to repent comes from the idea of changing minds. But this text reminds us of the importance of turning to Christ. Yes, we turn away from our sins. But the next step is to turn to Jesus. We turn to Him ever more. We rejoice in the gifts that He gives us and the mercy we receive from Him. It was out of mercy that Jesus cleansed the lepers and it is out of mercy that He cleanses us of our sins. *O Lord Jesus Christ, thank You for the mercy You've shown to me in the forgiveness of sins. Please help me to turn to You all the more fervently. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: **Psalms 119:105-112 (NUN) – A Lasting Heritage**

How will you be remembered? This is a question that all people wrestle with. We think we need to do something significant or accomplish something to be remembered. But the Psalmist has it right. The Lord's testimonies are our heritage. Let us be remembered as people faithful to the Lord Who has redeemed us and brought us life out of His death. Our lives belong to Him and it is good that we would be remembered as those who were followers of the Lord. This is the joy of being faithful; that our lives are His. *O Lord, may You indeed be my heritage. Let me be remembered as one of Your faithful people by all who know me. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: **Galatians 5:16-24 – We Belong to Christ**

What does it mean to belong to Jesus? It means that He crucified the flesh. It means to die to the world. This is why we turn away from those things that Paul describes as the works and desires of the flesh. We do not live being driven by them because we are dead to them and they to us. Our Lord gives us a new life. He has recreated you to be His servant and to walk in His paths. We walk according to the Spirit and seek to fulfill the desires of the Spirit as we live for Him. *Almighty God, give me grace that I might walk in the ways of faith by the light of Your Spirit. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: **Matthew 9:9-13 – Called by Christ**

Matthew was called to follow Jesus even though many people would not have wanted Matthew as a follower. Tax collectors were hated in those days as many of them were dishonest and extorted money from people. And yet, Jesus called Matthew to follow. Not only that, Jesus also gathered to eat with Matthew and other sinners like him. Jesus has also called you through the Gospel to follow Him. Jesus gathers with other sinners like you when He calls all of us together to worship Him. The focus is not on our sin, but on Christ and the forgiveness He freely gives out of His mercy for us. *O Lord, help me to stay focused on You even when there are other sinners around me, that we might all focus on You rather than our sins. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: **John 5:1-15 – Take Up Your Bed and Walk**

These words, "Take up your bed and walk" were spoken by our Lord at different times, but always with the same result: the person addressed walked! He did these things to show His authority as the Son to forgive sins. Because Jesus is God, He brings life and health where there is death and disorder. Though we may ourselves be beset by various ailments, illnesses, and disabilities, we too receive the better gift from Christ: the forgiveness of our sins! So let us then also walk with Christ as He has called us and made us His own. *Almighty God, I thank and praise You for the life that You have given me that I might follow after You. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: **Acts 3:1-10 – We Have Nothing to Give But Jesus**

In this text, we see Jesus still healing people. But now He does it through Peter. Notice that Peter does not claim the power or authority to heal for himself. He says that he only can give Jesus. And indeed, that is all any pastor has to give. Many pastors desire to be interesting, relevant, or even entertaining. Yet, all that is needful is Christ. It is imperative for us as Christians to always be pointed to Christ for it is only through Him that the healing from sins is given. And that is the one thing needful for us. *O Lord, I need the healing that only You can grant: the healing from my sins. Grant this forgiveness, I pray, for all the sins I have committed against You. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: **Psalms 66 – The Glorious Deeds of the Lord**

As we conclude this week, we have focused each day on the healings the Lord did around walking. But this Psalm helps us to once again be reminded that the goodness and works of God are not merely of one type or in the physical realm of health. The gifts of the Lord are many and He gives these gifts to His people. He gives these gifts to you for you belong to Him. Yes, He grants healing for our ailments, but He is always our God. He has done many things for us and given us many blessings. *O Lord, You have blessed me in many ways. When I am hurting and looking for only one type of Your blessings, open my eyes that I might see all of the other blessings You have lavished upon me. Amen.*

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