

“Humble Love of Brothers in Faith”



5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK **Psalm 119:137, 124, 1-2, 5-6**

Righteous are / You, O Lord,*
 and upright are Your / judgments.
 Deal with Your servant according to Your / mercy,*
 and teach me Your / statutes.
 Blessed are the undefiled / in the way,*
 who walk in the law / of the Lord!
 Blessed are those who keep His testi- / monies,*
 who seek Him with the / whole heart!
 Oh, that my ways were / directed*
 to keep Your / statutes!
 Then I would not / be ashamed,*
 when I look into all Your com- / mandments.

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **Philippians 2:13**

“For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.”

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

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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
In Thee Alone, O Christ, My Lord

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1. In Thee alone, O Christ, my Lord,
 My hope on earth remaineth;
 I know Thou wilt Thine aid afford,
 Naught else my soul sustaineth.
 No strength of man, no earthly stay
 Can help me in the evil day;
 Thou, only Thou, canst aid supply.
 To Thee I cry;
 On Thee I bid my heart rely.

3. O Lord, in mercy stay my heart
 On faith's most sure foundation
 And to my inmost soul impart
 Thy perfect consolation.
 Fill all my life with love to Thee,
 Toward all men grant me charity;
 And at the last, when comes my end,
 Thy succor send.
 From Satan's wiles my soul defend.

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 October 4-10, 2020

THEME OF THE WEEK: Humble Love of Brothers in Faith

We live our lives as the unified Body of Christ, baptized into the one, true faith. We are called to walk in the Spirit, to build one another up in faith, hope, and love. Yet it is not we ourselves who do so, giving us cause to boast, but it is the Lord, God, working in us, to will and to accomplish all good works. It is He alone who gives us a sure foothold as we walk His way of love. It is He alone who saves our soul from all danger and harm, bringing us to Himself where we dwell together in safety. To God alone be all glory, honor, and dominion, forever and ever. Amen!

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Luke 14:1-11 Raised On High

By our sin, we, the children of Adam and Eve, deserve the lowest seat in all creation. We have disobeyed God and despised His gracious gifts, acting as if we ourselves had earned all that we have. How embarrassing in the sight of God when we take for ourselves the seat of honor, acting as if we were gods, each of us on our own, autonomous and self-sufficient. And yet the Father sent His only Son into the flesh, to take on our human nature, to become our brother, and to raise our seat of disgrace to the very throne of the Almighty! The Son of Man sits on the throne, even God Himself, your brother, Jesus. *Heavenly Father, we thank You for sending Your dear Son into the flesh to unite us into His own Body forever; raise us together with Him that we may live with You unto the end of the ages. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119:129-136 (PE) The Word of the Lord

All good things come from outside of ourselves, as gifts from the Lord. Food feeds our bodies and water hydrates us. It is the Word of the Lord that satisfies the starving soul, that hungers and thirsts for righteousness. As the words of the Lord unfold before our eyes, they enlighten them, so that we might more and more see His glorious works and ways among us, continually carrying out His great salvation among us. As we walk His path, His Word is our light and He Himself keeps our foothold secure. *Lord, may the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4:1-6 Walking the Way

Every good gift comes from above. God richly and daily provides for all our needs in both body and soul. Therefore, let us come together in the one faith, gathered into the one Body of Christ, and work together as God's instruments for the building up of the whole Body. Let us live together in all humility, gentleness, patience, bearing with one another in love, eagerly maintaining the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. This is the work of the Spirit in us, in which God calls us to walk by the light of His grace. *O Lord, let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure, and flee a world which would deceive us, and to sin our spirits lure. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Lowly and Humble

Before Mary's Magnificat, there was Hannah's Prayer. Both faithful women extol God for His mercy, generosity, and love that He graciously bestows upon the poor and humble. Both recognize their lowly estate and magnify the Lord for the grace He shows to them. *Lord, help us ever to recognize our own lowly estate as well, daily downtrodden by sin and sorrow. Keep us from thinking too highly of ourselves, that we may see all the gracious gifts of life that You so freely bestow upon us, both in body and in soul. Grant to us poor, miserable sinners Your grace and mercy, Your Spirit and life, that we may receive the goal of faith, the salvation of our souls. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: Mark 2:18-28 The Day of Rest

The Sabbath is a day of rest. Rest for our bodies from toil and labor, and rest for our souls, which abide in the Lord, who vivifies us by the hearing of His Word and in giving to us His Body and Blood. The Sabbath is less a legality to be weighed in the court of law and more an invitation to repose in the open arms of our Lord. Thanks be to our God who eagerly invites us to rest in His extended arms, to spend time with Him, learn from Him, and be refreshed by Him. *Gracious Father, as we are pilgrims on this earth, help us to find rest in our heavenly home, both as we receive Your heavenly gifts on the Lord's Day and also at our final hour. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: Jude 20-25 Building One Another Up

Baptized into one faith, we sojourn as wanderers on our pilgrim way through this life. By the grace of God, we, Christ's Body, are called to build one another up in the faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keeping ourselves in the Love of God, and waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads us to eternal life. On our wilderness wandering through the deserts of this life, it is God Himself who keeps our feet from stumbling and who will present us blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy! Come quickly, Lord Jesus! *O Lord, keep us in the one true faith until we attain heavenly glory and see You face to face; to You be all glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever! Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 56 In God We Trust

Day and night, the world, the devil, and even our own sinful flesh plague and hound us, tripping us, trying with all their might to cause us to stumble as we walk the way of the Lord. Yet through all adversity, through all injury and strife, we shall not be afraid. For what can flesh do to us? It is the Lord who has delivered our soul from death. He keeps our feet from stumbling. By His own hand, we walk before God in the light of His life. He preserves us; He wipes away our every tear. *O Lord, we are wearied from the journey through life, sustain us and nourish us as we continue to walk in Your way by the light of Your Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

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