

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- / noointed.
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 **Psalm 106:1**
“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!”

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. | And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next. |
| 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 | 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. |



“The Thankfulness Wrought by the Spirit”

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 2-8, 2018

THEME OF THE WEEK: The Thankfulness Wrought by the Spirit

The “Thankfulness Wrought by the Spirit” is always thankfulness for Jesus and His mercy. All men receive good things in this life: food, clothing, house, home, and family. But few men give thanks to the source of this kindness. You know better. You know that God sent His Son to become a man, to suffer, and to die. Jesus bought back God’s favor for this fallen world with the price of His blood. Knowing this, you never give abstract thanks for fleeting gifts. You thank the God who speaks through the Scriptures, whose Son saves you from sin, whose kindness is certain. This is thankfulness of faith. This is thankfulness wrought by the Spirit.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Luke 17:11-19 “Returning to Worship by Faith”

Ten men are healed. Only one man returns to worship at the Lord’s feet. What’s the difference? Why was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner, this Samaritan? The difference is faith. It depends not on the pure ethnicity of being a son of Abraham. It depends not on ceremonial observance and legal rigor. It depends on Jesus and His Word. This Gentile had no temple that would receive him. He had no priest that would examine him. He didn’t need them. He has the real temple, Jesus, God who dwells with men in human flesh. He has the real priest, Jesus, who atones for the sin of the world.

By faith he returns. By faith he worships. By faith he is saved. *O Jesus, grant me faith to worship and praise You now and forever. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119:105-112 (NUN) “The Light of God’s Word”

The Scriptures are a light. For David, and for all Christians, they show the paths of righteousness upon which we must walk. Its light fights back the darkness of sin, the death that waits anyone who stumbles off on their own way into shadows of idolatry. The light breaks upon us through Jesus. He is the light of the world that breaks the terror of death’s shadow. Whoever follows Him in faith will not walk in darkness. He has the light of life. The path is bright before us. We keep the Lord’s righteous rules. We do not forget the Lord’s law. Though the wicked lead us into the traps of sin, we keep the Lord’s precepts. By God’s grace our hearts have been inclined to perform the Lord’s statutes. *Give me life, O Lord, according to your Word! Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: Galatians 5:16-24 “Freedom and Tyranny”

Do you belong in the Jesus who has set you free from the slavery to sin, Who has given you the Spirit of freedom? Or do you belong to the old tyrant, flesh, still ensnared by its wicked desires? There’s no quarter between Jesus and the flesh. Examine yourself. Are you impure, sensual, idolatrous, angry, and jealous? These chains restrain you from inheriting God’s kingdom. Repent. Believe the Gospel. Jesus forgives you and gives you His Spirit. You are no longer under the law. Exercise yourself in the fruits of your gift. Love, be joyful, have peace, be patient, be kind, be good, have faith, be gentle, control yourself. This is freedom. Against such things there is no law. *O Lord, crucify my flesh with its passions and desires and give me your Spirit. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 17:13, 14 “Living Water”

The heart must trust. As much as the sun rises in the east and sets in the west, so also the heart is never without its source of comfort and strength. It’s like a tree that puts down roots trying to find water to sustain its life. The man who trusts in flesh, in what man can accomplish by his reason and strength, is put to shame. The man who trusts in the Lord finds a living fountain, a stream that never runs dry, that never fails, that fills the heart to brim and runs over. Jesus says, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water’” (John 7:38). *Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for You are my praise. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: John 5:1-15 “Sabbath Rest”

Jesus works when everyone is supposed to be resting. It was annoying for the Jews who had corrupted the Sabbath into an absurd contest to refrain from anything that could be considered “work.” So, when Jesus told the paralytic by the pool of Bethesda to get up, take his bed, and walk, the Jews were enraged to the point of persecution. When they interrogated Jesus, our Lord said, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.” The Sabbath is rest for man so that Jesus, God’s Son in the flesh, can work. In your rest, apart from works, Jesus gives you forgiveness, resurrection, and eternal life. This is Christian worship. This is keeping the 3rd Commandment. *Grant me the rest of faith to receive Your good works of salvation, O Lord. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: Acts 3:1-10 “Name and Authority”

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father” (John 14:12). Again, Jesus says to the apostles in the last chapter of Mark, “These signs will accompany those who believe...They will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.” Jesus fulfilled these promises among the apostles to give you certainty that their message is true and life-giving. What did Peter possess to heal the man? The Name and authority of Jesus. This Name and authority continue to be exercised when you hear the Scriptures and believe. Jesus ascended for this very purpose. *Grant Your power to be exercised among us by Your Word first preached by the apostles. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 66 “Cross and Resurrection”

The Lord tests the saints. He tries them as silver. He casts a net over them. He burdens their backs. He lets enemies ride over their heads. “Yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.” The cross must come, just as it came to the Israelites in Egypt and just as it now comes to Christians around the world who suffer for confessing Jesus’ name. But for the faithful, the ones who cling to God’s promises of mercy, cross is always followed by resurrection and the abundance of everlasting life. Find your refuge in God’s mighty works, in the promises He fulfilled to extend salvation to the ends of the world. Find your help in Jesus, the mediator and propitiator, who brings His saints from death to life. *Grant me faith and life, O Lord. Amen.*

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