

5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK **Psalm 47:1-2, 3, 6-8**

Oh, clap your hands, all you / peoples!*
Shout to God with the voice of / triumph!
For the Lord Most High is / awesome;*
He is a great King over / all the earth.
He will subdue the peoples / under us,*
and the nations un - / der our feet.
Sing praises to God, sing / praises!*
Sing praises to our King, sing / praises!
For God is the King of / all the earth;*
sing praises with under - / standing.
God reigns over the / nations;*
God sits on His / holy throne.

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **Romans 6:23**

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

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

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and give to us those things that be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

9 PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

10 SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK
All Depends on Our Possessing

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1. All depends on our possessing
God's abundant grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart.
He who trusts with faith unshaken
In His God is not forsaken
And e'er keeps a dauntless heart.

2. He who hitherto hath fed me
And to many joys hath led me,
Is and ever shall be mine.
He who did so gently school me,
He who still doth guide and rule me,
Will remain my Help divine.

4. When with sorrow I am stricken,
Hope my heart anew will quicken,
All my longing shall be stilled.
To His loving-kindness tender
Soul and body I surrender;
For in Him alone I build.



“Submission to the Lord of Compassion”

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 July 31-August 6, 2022

THEME OF THE WEEK: Submission to the Lord of Compassion

The Lord gives us a multitude of promises throughout the Scriptures. Yet they all hang on the promise of the sending of His Son. All the promises of life, forgiveness, righteousness, perfection, holiness, immortality; all these things rely on Jesus becoming flesh for us, suffering for us, dying for us, and rising for us. All this hinges on God taking human form and taking on our sins so that we would be declared to be the righteousness of God.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Mark 8:1-9 – Satisfied with His Gifts

“They ate and were satisfied.” The Lord desires that we would be satisfied with His gifts. He desires that we would rejoice in what He gives to us in our homes, in society, and especially in the Church. And He desires that we would rejoice in Him, as all these good gifts flow from His hand. The temptation is always to seek satisfaction in the gifts themselves instead of the one who gives the gifts. We should be reminded that the gifts, though good, are not God. They come from God but they are good because of the One who gives them. Our trust and contentment is placed in the giver, not the gifts. *Lord, thank You for Your many gifts. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119:49-56 – Promises which Make Alive

When we endure suffering, where do we turn? We turn with the psalmist who teaches us to pray: “This is my comfort in my affliction, that Your promise gives me life.” Our afflictions and sufferings are always trying to pull us into despair and doubt. The devil, too, likes to use these things to bring us into all sorts of anguish, especially in our conscience. However, the promise of the Lord—that in Christ we are forgiven, that we will be raised on the last day, that we will be like He is—gives us life, both now, and in eternity. And this promise, this Gospel, guards us from falling into the temptations of the world, devil, and our flesh, and sets us firmly in the Lord’s kindness. *Lord, thank You for giving me the words of eternal life. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: Romans 6:19-23 – Free Life

What do we owe to God? What does God owe us? This is a fundamental question, and St. Paul gives us a marvelous answer. We owe God death. Because we have sinned (in thought, word, and deed; in sins of commission and omission) against both God and our neighbor, we owe death. “The wages of sin is death”. God, however, owes us nothing, which is what makes this all the more beautiful: “but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” He doesn’t owe us anything, but because He’s merciful, He gives us everything by giving us His Son. He gives us life, righteousness, forgiveness, and all we need, because He gives us Jesus: freely. *Lord, thank You for blessing me with the free gift of life through Your Son. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 31:23-25 – Dwelling with Righteousness

We are the “Habitation of Righteousness.” That is, we are the place where righteousness dwells. Not because we ourselves are righteous. St. Paul reminded us yesterday that we are not. We have no good dwelling in us naturally. We are blind, dead, and enemies of God. We are unrighteousness. But Christ, who is righteousness in the flesh, has made His home with us, both in His incarnation, and still today in His Word and Sacraments. He dwells among us as the righteousness of God, and, amazingly, through faith in His Word we are also declared to be both righteous and the righteousness of God. The Lord’s Church is therefore rightly called the “Habitation of Righteousness.” *Lord, thank You for dwelling among us through Your gifts and making us righteous. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 10:24-31 – Fearing the Right One

“Fear is the mind killer.” So the saying goes. Fear, placed in the wrong spot, destroys not just the mind but also the heart and soul. That’s why Jesus directs our fear toward Himself. Don’t fear the world, or death, or the devil, or your neighbor, or clowns; none of those can kill the soul. Instead we are to fear Him, as the One who has the authority to cast body and soul into Hell. When we are rightly oriented toward God in our fear, then we also get this wonderful proclamation: “Do not fear!” Christ has not come to destroy us. We should fear, but also love and trust Him, because He’s come so that we would have eternal life and be rescued from all the other things we are afraid of. *Lord, thank You for directing my fear to be placed in You. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: Acts 14:8-23 – God in the Likeness of Men

The people at Lystra seemed content to listen to Paul when they believed him to be a god come into the flesh, but once they realize that he was just a man they, spurned by the Jews, stoned him and dragged him from the city. The Lord does not send us gods in the flesh to preach to us, but rather He sends to us men to preach to us regarding the One God, Who has come in the flesh in Jesus. The Greeks weren’t entirely off to think God had come into the flesh. What they needed to know is that this had happened, only once, in the Son of God, Jesus. And especially they, and us, need to know that the reason He’s in the flesh is to crucify our sin in that body that we would be alive in Him. *Lord, thank You for coming in the flesh to save me. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 125 – Praying for Mercy

There is a persistence in our prayers to God. The psalmist proclaims that we continue lifting up our eyes to Him as a servant to their master “until He has mercy on us.” We pray, and pray, and pray, until we receive the mercy of God. Sometimes this comes quickly. Sometimes it takes a while. Sometimes, as with the prayer: “Let your servant depart in peace” we must wait till the Lord calls us from this veil of sorrows to Himself in glory. But the promise of God is that He will always have mercy upon us, we overflow with it. We know this because we’ve seen in with the sending of His Son, and we’ve received it in the hearing of the Word, and the blessings of the Absolution, Baptism, and Altar. *Lord, thank You for giving me Your mercy without end. Amen.*

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