

5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK Psalm 91:15-16, 1-2, 9-10, 13

He shall call upon Me, and I will | answer him;*
I will deliver him and | honor him.
With long life I will sat- | isfy him,*
and show him My sal- | vation.”
He who dwells in the secret place of the | Most High*
shall abide under the shadow of the Al- | mighty.
I will say | of the Lord,*
“He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him | I will trust.”
Because you have made the Lord, who is my | refuge,*
even the Most High, your | dwelling place,
No evil shall be- | fall you,*
nor shall any plague come near your | dwelling.

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK Psalm 32:1
Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

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

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK
O Lord, mercifully hear our prayer and stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to defend us from those who rise up against us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9 PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

10 SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK TLH 247, LSB 505
God the Father, Be Our Stay Martin Luther



(verse 1) God the Father, be our Stay,
(v2) Jesus Christ, be Thou our Stay,
(v3) Holy Ghost, be Thou our Stay,
Oh, let us perish never.
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray,
And grant us life forever.
Keep us from the Evil One;
Uphold our faith most holy,

Grant us to trust Thee solely
With humble hearts and lowly.
Let us put God's armor on:
With all true Christians running
Our heavenly race and shunning
The devil's wiles and cunning.
Amen, Amen, this be done,
So sing we, Hallelujah!



“He Suffered Temptation by Satan”

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 March 5-11, 2017

THEME OF THE WEEK: He Suffered Temptation by Satan

The victory has been won! Even in the first week of Lent we can proclaim the truth that Jesus has won the victory. On Easter we will hear and proclaim that Jesus is victorious over death but here in this first week of Lent we hear that Jesus is victorious over Satan on behalf of all people. In this victory over Satan's temptations in the wilderness you are armed for battle with Satan. You belong to Jesus and so Jesus' victory belongs to you. You will be tempted. Flee temptation and go towards Jesus Christ where you see the final answer to temptation: Jesus dead; Jesus living. Satan and temptation have lost.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:1-11 Fed on the Bread

We satisfy ourselves with all sorts of media consumption. We look to be satisfied by relationships and with family. Jesus is tempted to be satisfied with his own power in turning a stone into bread. Satan tempts us to be satisfied with the things of this world. Instead, we hear the reassuring Word of God, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." As the Word of God dwells in you richly, your thirst for righteousness is satisfied. God turns you away from looking at this world for satisfaction and turns you to Himself so that He may bestow His mercy upon you. *Heavenly Father, feed me with Your Word. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 32 Made New by That which is True

As children of God we speak the truth. We know that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. First, we speak the truth about ourselves. The truth about ourselves is that we are sinners who commit sins. David says, "For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long." Instead of thinking we can hide our sins; we are to confess our sins. We speak the truth of our sins and we hear the truth of God's forgiveness. Your transgression is forgiven and your sin is covered for the Lord counts no iniquity against you. You are blessed and forgiven in Jesus Christ. That is the truth. *Holy Spirit, cause me to speak the truth of my sins that I may in turn hear the truth of Your forgiveness. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Lies Hurlled by the World

You can be treated as imposters, as unknown, dying, punished, sorrowful, or poor with nothing. All of this can be yours and yet you have an answer for the suffering of this world. Salvation has come to you. You have the grace of God. You are true, known by God, alive in Christ Jesus, not guilty, rejoicing in Christ, and have all things in Jesus. What the world says of you is not what God says of you. What God says about you is what truly matters. *Almighty God, give me eyes of faith that I may see Your favor upon me always. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 3:1-24 The Seed will One Day Bleed

Immediately after Adam and Eve succumb to temptation, God gives a solution to the problem they have created. On the day that they eat of that tree, they shall surely die because they have sinned and disobeyed the Lord. God promises that the Seed, Offspring, of the woman would bruise the head of the old, evil foe. Jesus would die the death of Adam and Eve and bleed for their sin and the sins of the whole world. Suffering and temptation remain around us but we look with faith towards the one seed of the woman who has rescued us from sin and thus rescued us from death. *Dear Jesus, bestow Your life and forgiveness upon me. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: Luke 22:24-32 In the Presence of Jesus, Mute all Dispute

We are often tempted to argue and dispute among ourselves about who is the greatest or who has the best gifts for working in the kingdom of God. Even when the dispute isn't spoken, we still conduct a silent comparison. Jesus silences all talk of who is the greatest with the exhortation to serve one another. There is no place for greatness, only a place for service. We serve others because Jesus has given His life for us. "The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve." *Lord God, cause us to be humble before You and before others. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: James 1:2-15 Trials Cannot Destroy your Joy

In the midst of trials and temptation, we, the people of God stand fast. Our hope is in Jesus Christ. We know that we are blessed. The crown of life belongs to us. Thus, in the face of adversity our joy will not be destroyed because Jesus Christ cannot be destroyed. The world says we should find joy only in the pleasures of life but our joy is more profound and deep. Our joy is rooted in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. *Lord of all, give us steadfastness of faith that we may endure trials with joy. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 16 I am not Forsaken, Thus will not be Shaken

The Lord is at your right hand. When the Tempter comes and tries to entice you away from your Lord you can be certain this is true: the Lord is at your right hand. Satan may try to blow you over and cause you to fall, but you will not be shaken. You are not forgotten by the Lord. In fact, He gives you pleasures forevermore. The devil's temptations will eventually cease but God's pleasures for you will never end. *Almighty Father, give me the peace of knowing Your presence is never far from me. Amen.*