

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 **Psalm 119:105**
“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

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.



“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.

THEME OF THE WEEK: The Thankfulness Wrought by the Spirit

All that we receive from the Lord is brought to us through the Holy Spirit. The life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation won by Christ is delivered to us by faith, a faith that is gifted by God. We confess this in the 3rd Article of the Creed when we acknowledge that it is the Holy Spirit who has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. He does this for me and for all the Church. And He daily, continuously, forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers through the gifts given to His Church. For all of this, for everything that I have received from God's most gracious hand, it is therefore my duty to thank and praise Him, serve and obey Him. And even these thanksgivings are a gift from Him.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Luke 17:11-19—Only One...

Only one turns back. That's it. You would think that all of them would run back to Jesus and fall down at His feet but they don't. That isn't to say that they didn't do what Jesus told them. In fact, they did exactly what Jesus told them to do. And at a certain point we can't be mad at them, for showing himself to the priest is how a cleansed leper is let back into society. It's all right there in Leviticus. Where they fall short is realizing that the One who gave the Laws in Leviticus is the very One who stood before them and healed them from their unclean disease. God's gracious presence was no longer bound to the temple. He was now there in the flesh. The God of the tabernacle was now walking among men saving them from their sin, saving them from death, saving them from themselves. *Jesus, let us always recognize You as our God. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 4:10-23—Hear, My Son...

There is worldly wisdom and then there is heavenly wisdom; and by "worldly" I don't mean evil, but merely temporal. Temporal wisdom is good. It too is a gift from God. The ways in which we should conduct ourselves and order our affairs, the ways in which we should treat our neighbors, all of these things we should seek from our Father. Yet Solomon is speaking of more than just temporal wisdom, but the wisdom that comes down from above. This is the wisdom that speaks to eternal life. This is the wisdom, created from hearing the Word, in which we receive the forgiveness of sins and salvation. Such wisdom can never be found in the things of this world. It isn't found in the things that we do or the works that we work. Instead, such wisdom is only found in Christ Who died that you might live. *Father, forever teach us Your wisdom unto eternal life. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: Galatians 5:16-24—Belonging To Christ...

To have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires is to be a Christian; which is nothing more than to say it is to be baptized. For such a thing must be done for you, brought to you, and received as a pure and complete gift. The sinner can't hope to crucify his flesh or to belong to Christ for the sinner cares nothing of these things. And yet the saint within, which you have been made to be through Christ, delights in the things of the Lord; that whole long list that we find in verses 22-23. In this way, walking by the Spirit is granted to us as a free gift, too. Our sinful desires want nothing more than to walk in the darkness. But in Christ we are enabled to see the good that comes from Him and therefore the good that He desires us to share with our neighbors. Both justification and sanctification are therefore both gifts from God. *May we always walk by the Spirit. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 17:13, 14—Praying For Deliverance...

Jeremiah knows that apart from God we can do nothing good. Apart from Him we desire only evil things that take us away from our Lord. We cannot hope to come to Him, not of our own volition. And so the first part of chapter 17 speaks of these very things: We desire that which isn't from God and therefore we forsake Him and His good and gracious Gospel. In so doing, there is no hope. But God is the hope of Israel, the hope of His Church. And in that hope is salvation! And so the prayer of Jeremiah is that he, that we, would be saved from ourselves, from our sin, and from all evil. The prayer is that God would deliver us from all of this, turn our hearts to Him that we would not forsake His forgiveness and salvation. The prayer is that God would do it all because we most certainly can't! *Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: John 5:1-15—Do You Want To Be Healed...

Jesus heals a man who had been an invalid for 38 years. This man could find no hope in himself. He couldn't get to the pool of Bethesda, even if such a pool could actually heal him. He was seemingly doomed to a life of pain and suffering. In much the same way, we are doomed to a life of death. There is nothing that we can do to save ourselves, nothing of our own abilities to bring about salvation. Even if we wanted it, it would have to be given to us as a gift. And so it is. Like to the man in our text so too does Jesus come to us in our prison of sin and death. Do we want to be healed? Of course, but we can't heal ourselves. And so Jesus heals us; speaks His word of forgiveness to us and gives us the victory of the cross. *Jesus, heal us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: Acts 3:1-10—Another Gift Of Healing...

We should have read the rest of chapter three because that is where things get interesting. The healing is all fine and good, but it is meaningless without the rest of the story, because the healing that was brought upon that man was done by Jesus the Christ Who was raised from the dead. This healing is less about the man healed and more about Jesus, because in this leaping man, who could never leap before, we are pointed to Christ. The cross and resurrection brought about this healing. Jesus with all things under His feet can move heaven and earth. That Jesus can heal a man born lame. That Jesus will on the last day heal us from death itself. That Jesus forgives sin and grants eternal life. *Jesus, free us from death and grant us life in You. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119:105-112 (NUN)—Let Us Pray...

O God, Your Word lightens my path when before it would be darkness. It is a lamp unto eternal life that I could not find on my own. Through the work of Christ and His ability to keep that which I could not, I have been saved. Though I do not deserve it, for the sake of Christ, give me life. All that I can offer You in return is my endless praise for Your mercy. Teach me Your ways and Your truth that I may never forget Your Word of grace given to me. The devil, the world, and my own sinful flesh desire to strip Your goodness away from me, let me never stray from Your precepts. May Your Word forever be the joy of my heart that it may always be a heritage for me, the thing in which I place all my confidence. Change my heart from all sinfulness that I may do that which You would have me do, that I may delight in You and You alone until the end. Amen.

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