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 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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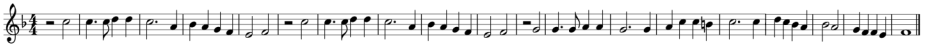

1. Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

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.

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"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 6-12, 2026

THEME OF THE WEEK: The Thankfulness Wrought by the Spirit

The lessons this week instruct us in three ways. First, we should thank God for all His benefits, the large and small blessings which we receive every day. Second, that we should strive to fight against sin and unbelief in us by resisting our flesh and the devil, hearing the promises of God in Christ Jesus all the while. Third, that we should be encouraged for our fight, knowing that God is a gracious Father to us in Christ, that He offers help in time of need, and that His kindness and mercy endure forever, especially for us sinners who are by nature children of wrath and receive forgiveness as a free gift.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Luke 17:11-19 – Thanksgiving in All Things

The Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer reminds us that God gives daily bread to all people, even evil people, without our prayer. The Fourth Petition in the Lord's Prayer reminds us of the good gifts of God, and reminds us to receive these gifts with thanksgiving. So also does the "evil" foreigner in the healing today. The children of Israel were tempted to fulfill the obligations of the Law in order to be declared holy and righteous. But the child of God returns and gives thanks to God, for we are neither worthy of the things for which we ask, nor have we deserved them, but we pray that He would give them all to us by grace. *Heavenly Father, we give You thanks for all Your gifts, and ask that You would continue to give us thankful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119:105-112 (NUN) – Not just for Sundays...

We tend to compartmentalize our life in unhelpful ways. We confine God's word to Sunday, and the rest of the week the wisdom of the world prevails. But as Christ is King of all things, all things having been subjected to Him (Heb 2:8), His Word and promises have infinite value for our whole life. The Word is a "lamp to our feet and a light to our path." It is the wisdom of God, given to men for our instruction, for our training in righteousness. The Word alone has the power of God for salvation. It alone endures forever, even as the wisdom of this world is fading away. So take up the Word of God. Let it point you to wisdom. Let it point you to Jesus - and not just on Sunday. *Give me life, O Lord, according to Your Word! Amen. – (vs. 107)*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: Galatians 5:16-24 – The Work of the Flesh Versus the Work of the Spirit

The desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the flesh only works sins like jealousy, rivalries, envy, and other things like these. The end of such things is death. We however belong not to the flesh but to Christ Jesus. He has purchased and won us by His blood; He has made us His own through Holy Baptism. Therefore let us repent of the ingratitude wrought by the flesh, cling to Christ alone in faith for the forgiveness of sins, and walk in new life by the Spirit, in the true thankfulness that is wrought by Him alone. *We thank You, Christ Jesus, that You have redeemed us and made us Your own. Amen.*

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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 – Nothing worse?

'Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you," says our Lord. What could be worse than lying paralyzed for 38 years? Eternal death. That is a far worse thing. Willful, persistent sin leads to eternal death, because it is there that faith in the Savior dies. A hardening of the conscience, especially after receiving great mercy from Christ, is deadly. And we avoid this in the same way the Lord instructs the now healed man – we avoid sin and unbelief. We persist in fighting our sinful nature which does not "want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come" and pray that God would "keep us firm in His Word and faith until we die" (Small Catechism). *Jesus, preserve me in the faith, that I may shun evil and rest only in Your forgiveness. 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 – Shout for Joy to God, All the Earth

When Adam fell, creation itself was subjected to futility, in bondage to corruption. But in the fullness of time, God, who made all creatures, became Man to deliver us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Having risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, Christ has promised to return in glory on the Last Day to create new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. For all this, the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy, even as the whole Church sings praises to God for His awesome deeds toward the children of men. *We thank You, O God, for the hope of the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.*

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