



“The Thankfulness Wrought by the Spirit”

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 **Luke 10:17-19**

“The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!’ And he said to them, ‘I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.’”

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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| <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> | <p>And guide us when per-
 plexed
 And free us from all ills
 In this world and the next.</p> <p>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.</p> |
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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

This week we will think upon what it means to be thankful and how we live in response to that. We see many people healed of physical infirmities, but we must always remember that the greater is the healing of the heart, the forgiveness of sins that is ours in Christ. True thankfulness spurs us on to praising our God and to serve our neighbors, loving them as we love ourselves. This is all grounded in an appreciation of what Jesus Christ has done for us first.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Luke 17:11-19 Giving Thanks

One might think it is too early to be thinking about Thanksgiving, but the pumpkin spice items are back, so we know that Thanksgiving is around the corner. In our text today, the ten lepers are cleansed, and so we would expect that thanksgiving would be flowing from them as well. And yet, it was only the one. I am reminded of the hymn, "Lord, forgive us for shallow thankfulness." How often do we receive the blessings of the Lord and immediately move onto the next thing before being thankful for His goodness to us? This week, I encourage you to take the time to be thankful for God's blessings. *Heavenly Father, forgive me for not showing You the thankfulness I should and give me, I pray, the eyes to see Your great generosity to me. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119:105-112 "For all this, we thank and praise, serve and obey Him."

In the text today we see what it means to be thankful. It doesn't just mean that we have a warm positive feeling toward God. It means that we show that thanks by what we do! Just like the leper who went back to Jesus, we return to His Word again and again. Just as a lamp shows us the safe paths to walk, so also does the Word of God show us the ways in which we are to tread. We incline ourselves to His statutes not so that He will bless us, but out of thankfulness for all that He has already blessed us with. *O Lord, I thank You for Your bountiful goodness You have shown to me and I pray that You would strengthen me in service to You and to my neighbor. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: Galatians 5:16-24 The Spirit Brings Thankfulness

Ahh, the fruits of the Spirit. Did you have to memorize them as a child? Many people do. They become a list of things that we need to check off to see just how "Christian" we are. But if we use them that way, we couldn't be more wrong! These are the fruits of *the Spirit*. These are the very blessings that God faithfully gives to His people. These are the gifts that we are thankful for! We don't walk by the Spirit so that we get these gifts, we walk by the Spirit precisely because we have them. Now, if you don't feel like you have them, or have enough of them, take heart! The fruits of the Spirit grow in the abundance that God desires and in His time. We are thankful for what we do have, not resentful for what we don't have. *Almighty God, thank You for the fruits of the Spirit You have granted to me. Please enable me to use these gifts in my service to You and my neighbor. Amen.*

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WED

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 17:13, 14 Our Help is in the Lord

This text contains a very stark contrast. The opening verse describes what happens to those who forsake the Lord. It is tempting when things are falling apart and we feel alone and abandoned to turn away from our God. But rather, we are reminded that the true God is the only one who can help us in our time of need. He saves us. He heals us. For these things and more, we are thankful. We have no fear of being abandoned. If God promises to save us, He will. And promise to save us He has. We know this because Jesus has promised this to us. If we have this promise, what is there to be afraid of? *Almighty God, I thank You for the promises You have made to me and I pray that You would keep me in the faith to keep trusting those promises. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: John 5:1-15 Who Do You Thank?

I struggle to write thank-you notes. They are so easy to forget to do. And yet a simple thank you can make all the difference to a person who is generous to us. But what do you do when you don't know who to thank? The lame man in the text today did not know who had healed him. It was simply a stranger who showed up and healed him. How do you think he felt? Do you think he wanted to see Jesus again? We rejoice because we do know Who to thank when we are healed; when we are blessed, when we are forgiven. We know that all good things come to us from the divine and providing hand of the Father through His Son Jesus. *O Lord, You are generous in every way. I thank You for all that You have given me, and help me that I may continue in thankfulness to You. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: Acts 3:1-10 God Deserves the Praise

This text is a little different from the other ones we have had this week. We have seen Jesus heal people, but here we see Jesus heal someone through His Apostle, Peter. What a wonderful blessing it must have been for that lame man! We know how he responded because he immediately went into the Temple, praising and thanking God. What a blessed example this man is for us. He shows us that God deserves the glory even when the work is done through his human agents. This is a true kind of joy that comes only from true thanksgiving for undeserved blessings. *Almighty God, You have showered me with many blessings, all of which I did not and do not deserve. I thank You that You have blessed me through Your son, my Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 66 Why do we thank God?

This text is a perfect way to conclude our week. Why exactly is the psalmist here praising God? It's not because he has nice clothes or all he ever wanted. No, he is praising God because of what he has done. Thanksgiving is a response to the blessings of God. He thanks God for the Exodus out of Egypt. He thanks God for victories and for a land. In the same way, we thank our God because of what His son Jesus accomplished for us at the cross and for the victory He has given us over sin, death, and the devil. Out of this thanksgiving then flows the desire to perform good works, as a way to more concretely show our thanksgiving. *Lord Jesus, thank You for all that You have done for me, but especially I thank You for the eternal life You give to me. Bless me that I may live out this thankfulness in faithful service. Amen.*

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