

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 Jeremiah 17:14

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.

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;</p> | <p>And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
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**

It's easy to utter a prayer of thanksgiving for everything we have received. But the thanksgiving the Holy Spirit gives to us encompasses much more. It includes thanksgiving for healing of our bodies, whether from leprosy or cancer. It includes thanksgiving for God's Law, the Spirit's work in guiding us to walk within it. We give thanks for the Holy Spirit's work in guiding us through temptation and even in suffering. Even though we were once wicked and unclean, Christ has made us holy through His gifts, and so even though we still struggle against the wicked flesh, still we delight to give Him thanksgiving in all things.

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) — Thanksgiving for the Law**

The Word of God creates in the new man a delight for God's Law. This Word of God provides a light for the feet of the Christian to show him the way to go. Even though we might be severely afflicted, the Christian swears to keep the righteous rules of God, and finds life therein—according to the Word and promise of God. How can the Christian not respond with freewill offerings of praise and ask for further instruction in the Law of God? Of course the sinful flesh wars against the desires of the Christian, to know and do the Law of God, but through His Word and Law, God puts to death the sinful flesh, and awakens thanksgiving for His Law. *Holy and righteous Father, help us to love and live within Your Law. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: **Galatians 5:16-24 — Thanksgiving for the Struggle Against Temptation**

The struggle against sin is painful and difficult. The flesh fights against the works of God, to prevent you from walking within the fruits of the Spirit. The struggle never ceases, and we often find reasons to complain about it. Why must this temptation continue to afflict me? Why must I contend against this wicked foe? And yet, the struggle itself provides the proof of faith, and an opportunity for thanksgiving. Your struggle against the flesh is the Holy Spirit struggling in you against you—that is your flesh. So give thanks to God for your suffering and for the struggle against temptation, for then you know the Holy Spirit lives and works in you. *Heavenly Father, send Your Holy Spirit down from above to strengthen me against all temptations. Amen.*

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WED

SCRIPTURE: **Jeremiah 17:13, 14 — Thanksgiving for Healing and Salvation**

While the sin of Judah was scratched into stone with an iron pen tipped with diamond (Jeremiah 17:1), the memory of deceitful Judah would be as permanent as writing in the earth, washed away with the waters from the heavens. They will not be healed nor will they have salvation, for they have forsaken the fountain of living water. But for the one who comes to Jesus, who receives His gifts from font, pulpit, and altar, they receive healing. And not just physical healing, Jeremiah is quick to point out—but salvation. The deceitful prophets of Israel refused to bind up the broken conscience, but Jesus the Great Shepherd of souls has healed you. *Heavenly Father, we thank You for the healing You have given us in the gifts of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: **Matthew 9:9-13 — Thanksgiving from the Wicked Ones**

Uncleanness was contagious. The Pharisees could not sit in the presence of tax collectors and sinners because it rendered them unclean. Their indignation at Jesus' presence among sinners was not entirely unrealistic. However, with Jesus, a new thing comes: His holiness is contagious. He sits among tax collectors and sinners to make them clean. The doctor comes to the sick and heals them; God's presence dwells among sinful man. Doubtless, the sinners and tax collectors, unfamiliar with such attention and the presence of God, gave thanks to God for healing them in body and soul. *Heavenly Father, Physician of body and soul, we sinners and tax collectors thank You for coming, healing, and making us into Your saints. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: **Acts 3:1-10 — Thanksgiving to the Giver**

The lame man at the gate begged for alms every day. He could tell when someone was about to give him something. So, eager to receive from Peter and John, he received a gift greater than he imagined. It would have been natural to praise Peter for the gift. Instead, the healed man jumped up and gave thanks to God. So also should we remember the Giver of every good gift and give Him thanks. Yes, indeed, He works through means, through the men and women who serve and provide for us in various ways. But all these things, whether gifts for the good of the body or soul, are gifts of the Giver. *Giving Father, thank You for providing for us in all our needs of body and soul. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: **Psalm 66 — Thanksgiving in Suffering**

Thanking God for suffering seems odd, but that's exactly what David does in this Psalm. Too often, we take the opportunity to gripe and complain about suffering. But David recognizes a great truth: the suffering God gives to us tries us in the fire and tests our faith. In the end, suffering drives us to cry out to Him, acknowledging our iniquity. If I cherish iniquity in my heart, God will not listen. But if through suffering I recognize and repent of my sin, God attends my prayer. So, even though we do not delight in suffering, we can thank God for the results of the suffering He sends. *Father, thank You for bringing me to repentance in my suffering, that repentant, I might receive Your forgiveness. Amen.*

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