

5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK **Psalm 66:4, 92:1; 66:1-5, 20**

All the earth shall | worship You,*
and sing praises to | You, O God.
They shall sing praises | to Your name;*
to Your name, | O Most High.
Make a joyful shout to God, | all the earth!*
Sing out the honor of His name; make His praise | glorious.
Say to God, "How awesome | are Your works!*"
All the earth shall sing prais- | es to You."
Come and see the | works of God:*
He is awesome in His doing toward the | sons of men.
Blessed be God, who has not turned a- | way my prayer,*
nor His mercy | from me!

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **Luke 19:10**
The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

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

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK
Almighty and everlasting God, Governor of all things in heaven and earth,
mercifully hear the supplications of Your people and grant us Your peace in
our time; 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
Of the Father's Love Begotten

TLH 98, LSB 384
Aurelius C. Prudentius



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| 1. Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the Source, the Ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore. | 2. This is He whom Heaven-taught singers
Sang of old with one accord;
Whom the Scriptures of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word.
Now He shines, the Long-expected;
Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore. |
| 3. O ye heights of heaven, adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him
And extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore. | 4. Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore. |



"God Manifested in the Power of Jesus to Create"

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 January 15-21, 2017

THEME OF THE WEEK: God Manifested in the Power of Jesus to Create

The Epiphany season continues to reveal and manifest God in the flesh. The miracle at the wedding in Cana is the first manifestation, the first "sign" of Jesus' glory—that as of the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. He comes to seek and to save the lost. He comes to stand in the breach for us between the Father's wrath and our sins. He comes to cleanse us and present us to Himself as a spotless bride, beloved and cherished. And trusting in His salvation, we His Church submit in love, bearing the fruits of faith.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: John 2:1-11—Epiphany of Glory

Jesus reveals His glory first at Cana, turning water into wine. This is God in human flesh: this miracle is certainly Divine. But more, it is a miracle of creation: without Jesus nothing was made that is made. But more, this is a miracle of lavish grace—who brings out wine for a lazy or cheap couple who did not provide ahead of time? And why the best wine? And why so much? The good wine indeed has been kept until now. For the one revealed here is the one who truly makes glad the hearts of men. He saves them by His blood.

God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of my Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 14—The Generation of the Righteous [One]

What can be the hope of a people—all people—whom God describes as "corrupt"? "Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!" But what confidence do those who know God have against the people who say, "there is no God"? They too are among those the Lord says "have turned aside," even if they have received understanding and knowledge from Him! David continues: "When the Lord restores the fortunes of His people." God alone is righteous. He must appear to save. He must generate us. Then He will be our refuge.


Lord, regenerate me and shield me from all unbelief and evil. Amen.

TUE

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:6-16—Genuine Love

Love is what makes the diversity of the Church into a harmony. Were we to treat God's gracious gifts like the world, the Church would look like everyone vying for their slice of power; where love rules, the Church acts in concert as a body. Christians are to outdo each other in their humility, not their personal prowess. Even in the face of persecution, our response is to suffer it harmoniously and to bless those who harm us. Such is the confidence that comes from Christ's all-sufficient salvation.

Lord, turn me from myself and all evil and help me to hold fast to what is good. Amen.

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WED

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 18:15-19—One Greater than Moses is Revealed

The events of Exodus 20 keep getting brought up. Israel didn't want to hear the voice of God anymore, if all He speaks is the Law. The Law is good, and yet it means death for sinners who cannot keep it. And God agrees with their assessment. So, like at Sinai, God must provide a Moses. Moses stood in the breach to turn God's wrath away. Jesus Christ, the Prophet like Moses but greater than him, will be the Lord and Lawgiver standing in the breach against His own demands. That saves us. So all who listen to His voice have life in His Name.

Lord, let me hear Your commands and trust in Your Son. Amen.

THU

SCRIPTURE: Luke 19:1-10—Seeking & Saving the Lost

The Lord must come to the house of sinful men. He is manifest among us for just this purpose: to seek and to save those lost in themselves. So the Pharisees shouldn't grumble that Jesus is a guest of such a sinner as Zacchaeus. He is as lost as can be. The Lord seeks him out to bring salvation to him and make him a true son of Abraham by faith in the Son of Man. Here also we see the wonderful fruit which repentance and faith produce: Zacchaeus gives both alms and restitution, where formerly there was only concern for himself.

Lord, grant that I too may receive You and bring forth fruit of holy living. Amen.

FRI

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 5:22-33—Marriage Reveals Christ's Love of His Church

Marriage was instituted before the fall into sin. It endures with its many blessings despite sin's attacks against it. But St. Paul says it was yet another seed of promise planted from the beginning: Marriage refers to Christ and the Church. He is the true husband, whose love brings forth the joyful and submissive response of a beloved wife. Such a high example for our callings as husbands or wives! But in this text we have the true, firm foundation for husbands and wives also: the Lord who cleanses and sanctifies us first.

Lord, bless Your estate of marriage and preserve it against all attack. Amen.

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 16—The Lord, Our Portion

Psalm 16 is a good prayer for a sick Christian. The best advice to anyone suffering or dying is, "Take refuge in the Lord. He'll preserve you." The simplest way to pray is to say the inverse, Psalm 16:1. Apart from Jesus, the Vine, we can do nothing; joined to Him we have life and every confidence. He holds our lot for good. Our hearts can be glad in Him even when our flesh is tired or sad. Our flesh dwells securely with Him even if it is failing. He will not abandon us to hell or corruption, because He has sanctified us in His risen Son.

Lord, counsel me, preserve me, hold me with Your right hand. Amen.

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