

5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK **Isaiah 6:1. Revelation 19:6; Psalm 100:1-5**

I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and | lifted up,*
And the train of His robe filled the | temple.
And I heard the voice of a great multitude, | saying,*
"Alleluia! For the Lord God Omni- | potent reigns!
Make a joyful shout to the Lord, | all you lands!*"
Serve the Lord with | gladness;
Know that the Lord, | He is God;*
it is He who has made us, and not | we ourselves;
enter into His gates with thanks- | giving,*
and into His | courts with praise.
For the Lord is good; His mercy is ever- | lasting,*
and His truth endures to all gener- | ations.

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **Luke 2:52**
And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

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

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK
Lord, we implore You, give ear to our prayers and lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You now live and reign with the Father 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
O Jesus, King of Glory

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1. O Jesus, King of Glory,
Both David's Lord and Son!
Thy realm endures forever,
In heaven is fixed Thy throne.
Help that in earth's dominions,
Throughout from pole to pole,
Thy reign may spread salvation
To each benighted soul.

6. And bid Thy Word within me
Shine as the fairest star;
Keep sin and all false doctrine
Forever from me far.
Help me confess Thee truly
And with Thy Christendom
Here own Thee King and Savior
And in the world to come.



"God Manifested in the Youth of Jesus"

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 8-14, 2017

THEME OF THE WEEK: God Manifested in the Youth of Jesus

We know very little of the youth of Jesus. St. Luke spends a lot of time on the birth narrative but skips right over all of His youth except for one event that happened when Jesus was twelve. It is worthwhile to ponder that, connected to the Nativity of Jesus we know that Jesus became human and lived all aspects of humanity, even childhood. How easy is it for children and teens to feel disconnected from Jesus when they don't think about Jesus ever being the same age as them. Yes, Jesus knows all aspects of humanity and came to redeem all nations, from the littlest to the oldest.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:41-52 Lost and Found

I remember being lost in a store when I was a child. The fear caused my heart to race. I looked for my family, those familiar faces that would mean I'm where I'm supposed to be. I then lived the flip side when one of our children hid in a clothes rack and we lost him in a store. We can become lost, and even more so, we can lose our way in life. We wander on the wrong paths; paths of injustice and iniquity. Jesus never lost His way and He seeks out and saves the lost. The Good Shepherd cries out to His sheep and we know the voice of our Savior. You are found by God and put into the family of your church. *Jesus, thank You for finding me and opening my ears to hear Your voice calling. Amen.*

MON


SCRIPTURE: Psalm 13 How long, O LORD?

Life doesn't always go right, does it? Things don't go according to your good plan and you find yourself frustrated by people, yourself, or the situation. It can seem as if life is lined up against you. David wonders how long he will be forgotten by God. David sees his enemies prevailing against him. However, he knows that the steadfast love of God never fails. Even in the midst of depression and despair the joy of salvation is knowing that your Savior rescues you from the pit of destruction and deals bountifully with you. *Heavenly Father, Your steadfast love never ceases so cause me to rejoice in Your salvation. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:1-5 Transformed by the Grace of God

A parent would like to conform their children to be exactly like they intend. A parent attempts to model the behavior and attitude that they want their child to have. They are trying to conform their child to themselves. Instead of conforming children to the world, children, along with adults, are transformed by the will and Word of God. God doesn't try to conform us to Himself but rather does a more radical thing. He transforms us. He changes our substance. United by faith in him we have union with Him and are transformed to be like Him. This in turn changes our behavior to be holy and acceptable. *Spirit, by Your working, transform me to be holy as You are holy. Amen.*

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WED

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 61:1-3 Waiting for the Lord

Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One, during His entire earthly life. Even as a young boy He is the anointed, but He is not yet prepared to "proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." What are you waiting for? Are you waiting for a certain birthday, something at work, or school? Just as Jesus waited for the right time, and the people of old waited for the coming Messiah, we are called upon to wait. We have the preaching and teaching of Jesus now. We have His life and death through Baptism now. Yet we wait for His will to be accomplished in our lives and His Second Coming. We wait with God-given patience. *Lord Messiah, give me the patience of Your people of old. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: Mark 10:13-16 Child-like Faith

An infant trusts that mother and father will care for him. This simple trust doesn't worry about "what ifs." The little child that Jesus calls us to be doesn't mean we are to regress to childhood but rather we are to have that simple faith. The more we study God's Word and grow in faith the more we learn of our total dependency upon the Lord. We are completely dependent upon God for all we have in this life and for all of the benefits of eternal life. We passively, like a child, receive all the care, protection, and love that our heavenly Father bestows upon us. *Abba, Father; give me child-like faith that trusts in You wholly. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 6:1-4 Children and Parents

One of the universal feelings of just about any parent is guilt. Parents think about what they should have done differently and how they would change things in the past. One of the universal feelings of just about any child is exasperation. Every time they hear "no" they get frustrated about one more thing they don't get or can't do. For parents, the answer to this is to raise children "in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." The Christian faith takes away guilt because all sin is erased in Jesus. For children, the answer is the same. A child's faith in God shows them that their parents are doing what is right in the eyes of the Lord. *Lord God, keep me faithful to Your Word all of my days. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 86 Taught the Way of the Lord

Thomas said to Jesus, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" The way of the Lord must be taught to you. You might naturally think the Christian life is taught to you by parents, teachers, or pastors. However, those are only tools in the belt of the Lord. The Lord teaches you His ways so that you may walk in the way of truth. As you listen to the Word of God you are taught of your sinful condition, the salvation you have in Jesus Christ, and the way of holiness. By the work of the Holy Spirit, your ears are open to the teaching of the Lord. *Holy Spirit, teach me Your ways that I may walk in Your truth. Amen.*

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