

5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK Psalm 18:18-19, 1-2, 27, 30, 49

The Lord was / my support.*
In the day of my ca- / lamity
He brought me out into a / broad place;*
He delivered me because He delight- / ed in me.
I will love You, O / Lord, my strength.*
The Lord is my rock and my / fortress.
For You will save the humble / people,*
but will bring down / haughty looks.
As for God, His way is / perfect;*
the word of the Lord is / proven;
I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the / Gentiles,*
and sing praises / to Your name.

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK Psalm 119:12

“Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!”

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

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O Lord, who never fails to help and govern those whom You bring up in Your steadfast fear and love, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

9 PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

10 SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK
Oh, How Great is Your Compassion

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| <p>1. Oh, how great is Thy compassion,
Faithful Father, God of grace,
That with all our fallen race
And in our deep degradation
Thou wast merciful that we
Might be saved eternally!</p> | <p>3. And for this our soul's salvation
Voucheth Thy good Spirit, Lord,
In Thy Sacraments and Word.
He imparts true consolation,
Granteth us the gift of faith
That we fear nor hell nor death.</p> |
| <p>2. Thy great love for this hath striven
That we may from sin be free
And forever live with Thee;
Yea, Thy Son Himself hath given
And extends an earnest call
To His Supper unto all.</p> | <p>4. Lord, Thy mercy will not leave me,-
Truth doth evermore abide,-
Then in Thee I will confide.
Since Thy Word cannot deceive me,
My salvation is to me
Well assured eternally.</p> |



“The Spirit’s Call to Fellowship with God”

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 June 30-July 6, 2019

THEME OF THE WEEK: **The Spirit's Call to Fellowship with God**

This week is about our fellowship with God. We see how the Holy Spirit calls us and gathers us, who are poor and crippled and blind and lame, to feast on the forgiveness of our sins. He brings us to the holy mountain where we sing together the Magnificat, the song of glory to the Lord Jesus who took upon Himself flesh in the womb of Mary. Jesus is our salvation, the One Who is with us, Who prepares a table for us. He's the One Who salts us and prepares us as living sacrifices who are joined to His Calvary cross-death and Easter resurrection. He promises that He is always with us.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: **Luke 14:16-24 – The Everlasting Supper**

A master was having a feast and all those originally invited made excuse after excuse to not attend. What was the master to do? He invited the poor and crippled and blind and lame. We are the broken and ignored people of the city that were gathered. We are those beggars who offer nothing before the master of the party. He, God, has invited us. He sends the Holy Spirit to gather us. He sets a lavish feast before us that we receive as a foretaste in His Son's risen and ascended body and blood. What a pity it would be to miss out on so much joy!
Lord, help us to rejoice always in the Lord's Supper where our sins are forgiven anew! Amen.

MON

SCRIPTURE: **Psalms 119:9-16 – The Word is Our Salvation**

The Word of God is a blessing. Our sinful nature does not recognize this though. We are blinded from fully seeing and loving God's Word for what it is. Because of this, the Word needs to be proclaimed to us. We need to hear it. God sends a preacher to preach God's Word to us. God explains His Word of Law and Gospel. We, in turn, rejoice over God's statutes knowing that the God Who gave them on Mount Sinai is the same God Who became flesh to fulfill them for us.
Lord, thank You for Your Word. Amen.

TUE

SCRIPTURE: **Luke 1:39-56 – We Sing the Magnificat Together**

Traditionally Mary's words from the Visitation, the Magnificat, are sung at Vespers and Evening Prayer. When we sing Mary's words, we are echoing her faith. We confess that the Lord has, in fact, done many great things for us. We rejoice that the fruit of Mary's womb, Jesus Christ, is our Lord. We rejoice in a song that God is flesh for His people. Through Him, we have forgiveness of sins and life and salvation. In short, we are free to celebrate Christmas in July!
Lord, thank You for recording the words of Mary so that we sing with her and all believers our faith in Christ. Amen.

WED

SCRIPTURE: **Isaiah 25:6-9 – Let Us Go Feast Upon the Mountain**

These words of Isaiah are seen by John in Revelation as happening now! God gathers us in faith upon the mountain to feast. In the Lord's Supper, we feast upon Christ's body and blood — rich marrow and aged wine that is well refined. In this meal, death is swallowed up by Christ Who rose victorious on Easter morning, bursting a hole in its side. On the Last Day, Jesus will raise up us along with all believers and we will fully rejoice in our flesh upon the true mountain in Paradise. All tears will be gone because sin will be no more.
Lord, thank You for gathering us and for feeding us. Amen.

THU

SCRIPTURE: **Luke 14:25-35 – The Cost of Discipleship**

What does it cost to love God? Can we fear, love, and trust in God equally to everything else in this life? No. With God, it's first or nothing. He is a jealous God. He will not be loved as second fiddle to anything. And the call to live a life of faith will cost us everything as well. We will bear our own crosses. We will suffer for following Jesus. We will be salted like meat used in sacrifice. On account of Christ, our lives are not our own, rather, we are living sacrifices.
Lord, help us to keep You first. Amen.

FRI

SCRIPTURE: **Revelation 3:14-22 – Don't Be Laodicea**

We are Laodicea. Life, for the most part, is pretty easy. We have wealth, commerce, and medical care never dreamed of before. As a result, our church and faith-life have gotten lazy. We have become secure in ourselves and in our status of success. This only leads to being lukewarm. But God has not given up on us. We are dead in sins. God knocks on the door of our hearts and He reigns there. He lets Himself in because dead men can't get up, let alone open doors. He gives us faith and forgives us of our lukewarmness.
Lord, reign in our hearts so we may be more than lukewarm for You. Amen.

SAT

SCRIPTURE: **Psalms 28 – God is With Us**

At times we are convinced that God is deaf, that He doesn't hear our prayers and supplications for deliverance. We go and offer our prayers, feeling as if we are sinking lower and lower in a pit of despair and isolation, or that we're suffering for our sins and being treated as an unbeliever by God. Yet, that is not the case. God hears our cries for mercy! He sent His only-begotten Son to be our Shepherd. The Holy Spirit proceeds from them both and proclaims to us the wonderful deeds of God's deliverance and salvation. We are never alone.
Lord, help us remember that You are with us always, even in the midst of our suffering. Amen.

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