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# Holy Cross at Home

## A Daily Prayer and Meditation Guide

For the Week of Quinquagesima

February 15, 2026 through February 21, 2026

After the glorious celebration of the Transfiguration, the Church Year mood changes. Joy gives way to penitence as we begin to commemorate the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. Ash Wednesday (February 18) marks the beginning of Lent. The season reaches its climax on Good Friday and comes to an end at sundown on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. As we recall the depth of Christ's agony at the hands of Pontius Pilate and on the Cross, we are compelled to remember that He went through it all out of His love for us and His desire to free us from our sins.

### Order of Daily Prayer

Invocation ☩

Apostles' Creed (see *LSB* p. 286)

*Memory verse for the week: 1 John 3:2* "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is."

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 99

*Psalm Prayer:* O Lord our Redeemer, You are acknowledged to be high above the people and great in Zion. Increase and perfect the belief of Your Church in You, and make the nations to unite in the sincerity thereof, that as we are confessing Your Name, and with faithful service paying honor to Your kingly glory, You may graciously look upon us from on high and bring us from this low place of earth to the dwellings of heaven. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
February 15	Ezekiel 43:1-12	Romans 8:18-39
February 16	Ezekiel 44:1-29	Romans 9:1-18
February 17	Ezekiel 47:1-23	Romans 9:19-33
February 18	Joel 1:1-20	Romans 10:1-21
February 19	Joel 2:1-17	Romans 11:1-24
February 20	Joel 2:18-32	Romans 11:25—12:13
February 21	Joel 3:1-21	Romans 12:14—13:14
February 22	Zechariah 1:1-21	Romans 14:1-23

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 414 "Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"

Catechism for the Week: The Lord's Prayer – *The Third Petition* (*LSB* p. 324)

*Collect for Quinquagesima:*

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Collect:*

Lord God, heavenly Father, who didst manifest Thyself, with the Holy Ghost, in the fullness of grace at the baptism of Thy dear Son, and with Thy voice didst direct us to Him who hath borne our sins, that we might receive grace and the remission of sins: Keep us, we beseech Thee, in the true faith; and inasmuch as we have been baptized in accordance with Thy command, and the example of Thy dear Son, we pray Thee to strengthen our faith by Thy Holy Spirit, and lead us to everlasting life and salvation, through Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one true God, world without end. Amen,

*Special Petitions:*

For our government and those who are under oath to defend the Constitution  
For a diligent Lenten preparation with firm faith in Christ our Lord  
For parents as they protect and raise their children in the fear of the Lord  
For our Early Childhood Center and Preschool

For Bernice Baggs, Bev Carter, Ben Cutter, Greg Fields, Bryan, Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Phyllis Henry, Linda Hill, Roberta Keltner, Amie Land, Jennifer Miller, Sharon Thomas, Chris Thompson, Elenita Wendt

Lord's Prayer ✠

Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer or Prayer at the Family Table

V: Let us bless the Lord!

R: Thanks be to God!

Blessing: The Lord Almighty bless us and direct our days and our deeds in ✠ His peace. Amen.

Looking Forward to Next Week:

First Sunday in Lent – February 22, 2026

Hymns: 440; 656; 561; 521; 724; 418

Readings: Psalm 118; Genesis 3:1-21; 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 4:1-11