

Please bring this sheet home with you to use this week with your family!

Holy Cross at Home

A Daily Prayer and Meditation Guide

For the Week of the First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2026 through February 28, 2026

Lent is a forty-day period of introspection, confession of sin, and of increased prayer and worship of our Lord. Whether we fast or “give up” something or not, our reflection on God’s Word during this season is the key. It helps ready our hearts to celebrate with true Christian joy at the Easter festival. There is a reason why our Lord Jesus Christ came to this earth, and it was to do battle with Satan for our sake, to be counted as the sinner in the eyes of God, standing in our place, and to suffer and die so that we might live. Partly because of Lent, Easter is so much more meaningful and celebratory.

Order of Daily Prayer

Invocation ☩

Apostles’ Creed (see *LSB* p. 286)

Memory verse for the week: 1 Peter 5:7-8 “Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 91

Psalm Prayer: Grant us, O Lord, by invocation of Your Name, to tread under foot the deadly poison of the adder and dragon, that You may show us Your salvation, and we would be protected under the shadow of Your shield against the snares of the spiritual enemy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
February 22	Zechariah 1:1-21	Romans 14:1-23
February 23	Zechariah 2:1—3:10	Romans 15:1-13
February 24	Zechariah 4:1—5:11	Romans 15:14-33
February 25	Zechariah 6:1—7:14	Romans 16:17-27
February 26	Zechariah 8:1-23	2 Timothy 1:1-18
February 27	Zechariah 9:1-17	2 Timothy 2:1-26
February 28	Zechariah 10:1—11:3	2 Timothy 3:1-17
March 1	Zechariah 11:4-17	2 Timothy 4:1-18

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 663 “Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

Catechism for the Week: The Lord’s Prayer—*The Fourth Petition* (*LSB* p. 324)

Collect for the First Sunday in Lent:

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect:

Lord God, heavenly Father, inasmuch as the adversary doth continually afflict us, and as a roaring lion doth walk about, seeking to devour us: We beseech Thee for the sake of the suffering and death of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and to strengthen our hearts by Thy word, that our enemy may not prevail over us, but that we may evermore abide in Thy grace, and be preserved unto everlasting life; through the same, 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:

Second Sunday in Lent – March 1, 2026

Hymns: 423, TLH 141, 713, 635, 640, 693

Readings: Psalm 121; Genesis 32:22-32; Romans 5:1-5; Matthew 15:21-28