

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 Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2026 through March 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: Psalm 51:5 “*Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.*”

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 84

Psalm Prayer: O God, the defender of them that trust in You, save us who abide in Your service, that separated from the tents of the ungodly, we may be fitted to dwell in Your holy house; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
March 22	Job 17:1-16	John 7:14-31
March 23	Job 18:1-21	John 7:32-53
March 24	Job 19:1-27	John 8:1-20
March 25	Job 20:1-29	John 8:21-38
March 26	Job 21:1-21	John 8:39-59
March 27	Job 30:16-31	John 9:1-23
March 28	Job 31:1-40	John 9:24-41
March 29	Job 32:1-22	John 10:1-21

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 435 “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

Catechism for the Week: The Lord’s Prayer—*The Conclusion* (*LSB* p. 325)

Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Lent:

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect:

O almighty God, who of Thy great mercy didst cause Thy Son to be conceived by the Holy Ghost, and to become incarnate of the blessed virgin Mary according to the angel's annunciation: Grant us by Thy grace, that our sinful conception may be purified by His holy conception, 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, Greg Fields, Bryan, Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Amie Land, Katherine Rogers, Darrell Schulz, Sharon Thomas, 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:

The Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday: March 29, 2026

Hymns: 442, 438, 421, 440, 434, 433

Readings: Psalm 118:19-29; Zechariah 9:9-12; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26-27