

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 Third Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2026 through March 14, 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>
March 8	Job 5:1-27	John 2:13-25
March 9	Job 6:1-13	John 3:1-21
March 10	Job 6:14-30	John 3:22—4:6
March 11	Job 7:1-21	John 4:7-26
March 12	Job 8:1-22	John 4:27-45
March 13	Job 9:1-35	John 4:46-54
March 14	Job 10:1-22	John 5:1-18
March 15	Job 11:1-20	John 5:19-29

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

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

Collect for the Third Sunday in Lent:

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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, who hast sent Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh, that He might overcome the devil, and defend us poor sinners against the adversary: We give thanks unto Thee for Thy merciful help, and we beseech Thee to attend us with Thy grace in all temptations, to preserve us from carnal security, and by Thy Holy Spirit to keep us in Thy word and Thy fear, that unto the end we may be delivered from the enemy, and obtain eternal salvation, 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, Katherine Rogers, Darrell Schulz, 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:

Fourth Sunday in Lent: March 15, 2026

Hymns: 420, 743, 435, 676, 642, 427

Readings: Psalm 132; Exodus 16:2-21; Galatians 4:21-31; John 6:1-15