

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 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
August 23, 2026 through August 29, 2026

The congregation gathers around the Word of God and the Sacraments each week, and this precious, spiritual food feeds the flock as they return to their callings in life. The purpose of this guide is to encourage family prayer at home, and to base that prayer on the Word of God that was heard in church. Not all of the following material needs to be followed. Please feel free to use what your family finds helpful in your devotional practice together.

Order of Daily Prayer

Invocation ✠

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

Memory verse for the week: Psalm 139:13–14 *"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well."*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 147

Psalm Prayer: God our Father, great builder of the heavenly Jerusalem, You know the number of the stars and call each of them by name. Heal hearts that are broken, gather those who have been scattered, and enrich us all from the plenitude of Your eternal wisdom, namely Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
August 23	Judges 3	Acts 13:42-52
August 24	Judges 4	Acts 1:1-18
August 25	Judges 5	Acts 14:19—15:5
August 26	Judges 6	Acts 15:6-21
August 27	Judges 7	Galatians 1:1-24
August 28	Judges 13	Galatians 2:1-21
August 29	Judges 14	Galatians 3:1-22
August 30	Judges 15	Galatians 3:23—4:11

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 685 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

Catechism for the Week: Christian Questions and Answers (see *LSB* p. 329)
Questions 10-20

Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity:

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast created all things: We thank Thee that Thou hast given us sound bodies, and hast graciously preserved our tongues and other members from the power of the adversary: We beseech Thee, grant us Thy grace, that we may rightly use our ears and tongues; help us to hear Thy word diligently and devoutly, and with our tongues so to praise and magnify Thy grace, that no one shall be offended by our words, but that all may be edified thereby, 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 those who are estranged from the Church or have never known Christ
For parents as they protect and raise their children in the fear of the Lord
For our Early Childhood Center and Preschool
For the blessings of freedom in our country

For Bernice Baggs, Bev Carter, Greg Fields, Bryan, Phyllis Henry, Linda Hill, Sid Keltner, Amie Land, Jennifer Miller, Katherine Rogers, Carol Salonen, Darrell Schulz, Sharon Thomas, Chris Thompson, Bev Thorpe, 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:

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity – August 30, 2026

Hymns: 566, 683, 618, 851, 847, 919

Readings: Psalm 32; 2 Chronicles 28:8-15; Galatians 3:15-22; Luke 10:23-37