

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 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity
October 18, 2026 through October 24, 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: 1 John 4:9 *"In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him."*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 111

Psalm Prayer: Merciful and gentle Lord, the crowning glory of all the saints, give us, Your children, the gift of obedience, which is the beginning of wisdom, so that we may be filled with Your mercy and that what You command we may do; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
October 18	1 Kings 18:20-40	Ephesians 2
October 19	1 Kings 19	Ephesians 3
October 20	2 Kings 2:1-18	Ephesians 4:1-24
October 21	2 Kings 2:19-25	Ephesians 4:25—5:14
October 22	2 Kings 4:8-37	Ephesians 5:15-33
October 23	2 Kings 4:38—5:8	Ephesians 6
October 24	2 Kings 5:9-27	Philippians 1:1-20
October 25	2 Kings 6:1-23	Philippians 1:21—2:11

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 508 "The Day is Surely Drawing Near"

Catechism for the Week: The Ten Commandments (see *LSB* p. 321)
The Eighth Commandment

Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity:

O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; 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: We thank Thee, that of Thy great mercy Thou hast called us by Thy holy word to the blessed marriage-feast of Thy Son, and through Him dost forgive us all our sins; but, being daily beset by temptation, offense, and danger, and being weak in ourselves and given to sin, we beseech Thee graciously to protect us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we fall not; and if we fall and defile our wedding-garment, with which Thy Son hath clothed us, graciously help us again and lead us to repentance, that we fall not forever; preserve in us a constant faith in Thy grace, through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 Bev Carter, Greg Fields, Bryan, Linda Hill, Roberta Keltner, Sid Keltner, Amie Land, Bob Lange, 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:

Reformation Day – October 24, 2026

Hymns: 834, 656, 585, 555, 617, 865

Readings: Psalm 46; Revelation 14:6-7; Romans 3:19-28; Matthew 11:12-19 or John 8:31-36