

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 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity  
October 4, 2026 through October 10, 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:* Matthew 6:25 "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?"

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 119 (HE): 33-40

*Psalm Prayer:* Quicken us, O Lord, in Your righteousness, incline our heart unto Your testimonies, and not to covetousness. Give us also understanding that we may know Your law, and keep it with our whole heart; through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

| Readings:  | <u>Morning</u>    | <u>Evening</u>          |
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| October 4  | 2 Samuel 11       | 1 Corinthians 11:17-34  |
| October 5  | 2 Samuel 12       | 1 Corinthians 12:1-13   |
| October 6  | 1 Kings 1         | 1 Corinthians 12:14-31  |
| October 7  | 1 Kings 2         | 1 Corinthians 13        |
| October 8  | 1 Kings 3         | 2 Corinthians 1:1-22    |
| October 9  | 1 Kings 5         | 2 Corinthians 1:23—2:17 |
| October 10 | 1 Kings 7:51—8:21 | 2 Corinthians 3         |
| October 11 | 1 Kings 8:22-63   | 2 Corinthians 4         |

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 586 "Preach You the Word"

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

*Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity:*

O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 are poor, miserable sinners; we know Thy will, but cannot fulfill it because of the weakness of our flesh and blood, and because our enemy, the devil, will not leave us in peace. Therefore we beseech Thee, shed Thy Holy Spirit in our hearts, that, in steadfast faith, we may cling to Thy Son Jesus Christ, find comfort in His passion and death, believe the forgiveness of sin through Him, and in willing obedience to Thy will lead holy lives on earth, until by Thy grace, through a blessed death, we depart from this world of sorrow, and obtain eternal life, through Thy 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 family of Bernice Baggs, Bev Carter, Greg Fields, Bryan, the family of Phyllis Henry, Linda Hill, Roberta Keltner, 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:

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity – October 11, 2026

Hymns: 726, 708, 621, 611, 639, 533

Readings: Psalm 84; Genesis 28:10-17; Ephesians 4:22-28; Matthew 9:1-8