

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 Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 17 through January 23, 2021

As you use this devotional resource at home, you may use or omit certain parts, as you think would fit for your family group. Try to keep some of the basic elements, like Scripture reading and prayer, especially the Lord's Prayer, and add others later as your devotional time builds. If you cannot sing the hymn, read a stanza or two and reflect on its message. As with all things, they get better with practice! May the Lord bless you and those with whom you pray, and may He graciously bring us back together in worship as the Body of Christ, as we see the great, final Day approaching.

Order of Daily Prayer

Invocation ✠

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

Memory verse for the week: Psalm 19:1

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 139

Psalm Prayer: O God, protector of heaven and earth, in whose death hell was harrowed, by whose rising again the multitude of saints was gladdened; at whose ascension the host of angels exulted; we pray that we may be protected by that arm wherein Your honored friends rejoice with You in heaven. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
January 17	Ezekiel 39:1-29	Romans 7:21—8:17
January 18	Ezekiel 40:1—43:12	Romans 6:1-23
January 19	Ezekiel 44:1-29	Romans 9:1-18
January 20	Ezekiel 47:1-23	Romans 9:19-33
January 21	Joel 1:1-20	Romans 10:1-21
January 22	Joel 2:1-17	Romans 11:1-24
January 23	Joel 2:18-32	Romans 11:25—12:13
January 24	Joel 3:1-21	Romans 12:14—13:14

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 589 "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"

Catechism for the Week: Table of Duties (see *LSB* p.328)

To Children

Collect for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany:

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for grace to receive the Word:

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Special Petitions

For our local and national lawmakers and leaders

For those who struggle with mental illness and addiction

For young women in a crisis pregnancy and those who consider adoption

For reconciliation with those who are estranged from us

For the church's mission work in: Japan, South Korea, and Siberia

For Irene Anderson, Alan Bahl, Jeanne Beck, Sandy Claussen, Tim & Alarice Carrao, Phyllis Henry, Garney & Linda Hill, Tripp Hughes, Jean Kraft, Eileen Losey, Kay Medick, Diane Pirtle, Nat & Joyce Serfass, and Beverly Welty.

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:

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 24, 2021

Hymns: 826; 839; 618; 688; 409; 830

Readings: Psalm 62; Jonah 3:1-10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-35; Mark 1:14-20

Jonah—the unwilling missionary—was the only prophet who wanted to fail! Once the Lord rescued him from the belly of the fish, He gave Jonah the gift of His holy Word a second time. His law-laden message of repentance and certain destruction led to a complete spiritual turnaround for the wicked city of Nineveh. As the Epiphany Gospels highlight the spread of God's Word to all nations, we need to remember that repentance and rejection of sin necessarily accompany the Gospel of peace.