

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 after the Epiphany
January 24, 2021 through January 30, 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: Matthew 11:28

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 62

Psalm Prayer: Subdue our souls unto You, O Lord; for You are our very expectation, that we, rejecting the uncertainty of riches, and despising all earthly vanity, may follow You only; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
January 24	Joel 3:1-21	Romans 12:14—13:14
January 25	Zechariah 1:1-21	Romans 14:1-23
January 26	Zechariah 2:1—3:10	Romans 15:1-13
January 27	Zechariah 4:1—5:11	Romans 15:14-33
January 28	Zechariah 6:1—7:14	Romans 16:17-27
January 29	Zechariah 8:1-23	2 Timothy 1:1-18
January 30	Zechariah 9:1-17	2 Timothy 2:1-26
January 31	Zechariah 10:1—11:3	2 Timothy 3:1-17

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 409 "Hail, O Source of Every Blessing"

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

To Workers of All Kinds

Collect for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany:

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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 the Conversion of St. Paul (January 25):

Almighty God, You turned the heart of him who persecuted the Church and by His preaching caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world. Grant us ever to rejoice in the saving light of Your Gospel and, following the example of the apostle Paul, to spread it to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Special Petitions

For our local and national lawmakers and leaders

For the protection of children who are still in their mother's womb

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

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 Prayers 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 after the Epiphany

January 31, 2021

Hymns: 395; 580; 620; 849; 696; 842

Readings: Psalm 111; Deut. 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Jesus came to fulfill the promise that Moses received: a Prophet like him would arise and would proclaim His own Word. Jesus brought to perfect fulfillment all Old Testament prophecy. He answered the impossible questions of the Law that Moses raised against us. His teaching has an authority over all things, including evil spirits. The Nicene Creed includes a phrase that Jesus rose from the dead "according to the Scriptures." This means that His actions of salvation were in perfect alignment with the promises that were given through Moses and the prophets long ago.