

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 Visitation
July 2, 2023 through July 8, 2023

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: Romans 5:8 “*but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*”

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 41

Psalm Prayer: Lord Jesus, healer of soul and body, You said, “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.” Teach us to come to the aid of the needy in a spirit of love, as we have been received and strengthened by You, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
July 2	Proverbs 20-21	John 17
July 3	Proverbs 22	John 18:1-14
July 4	Proverbs 23	John 18:15-40
July 5	Proverbs 24	John 19:1-22
July 6	Proverbs 25-26	John 19:23-42
July 7	Proverbs 27-29	John 20:1-18
July 8	Proverbs 30	John 20:19-31
July 9	Proverbs 31	John 21:1-25

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 839 “O Christ, Our True and Only Light”

Catechism for the Week: The Creed – The First Article

Collect for the Visitation::

Almighty God, You chose the virgin Mary to be the mother of Your Son and made known through her Your gracious regard for the poor and lowly and despised. Grant that we may receive Your Word in humility and faith, and so be made one with 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, who art merciful, and through Christ didst promise us, that Thou wilt neither judge nor condemn us, but graciously forgive us all our sins, and abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul: We pray Thee, that by Thy Holy Spirit Thou wilt establish in our hearts a confident faith in Thy mercy, and teach us also to be merciful to our neighbor, that we may not judge or condemn others, but willingly forgive all men, and, Judging only ourselves, lead blessed lives in Thy fear, through Thy dear 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 students and all others who are now looking for jobs
For parents as they protect and raise their children in the fear of the Lord
For the children of our Early Childhood Center and their families
For the blessings of freedom in our country

For Irene Anderson, Glorine Bahl, Cole Baresel, Jeanne Beck, Ken Bolliger, Tim Carrao, Bryan, Linda Hill, Tripp Hughes, Marian Johnson, Sharon Kernes, Emma Kranz, Kay Medick, Jackie Mulford, Darrell Schulz, Nat & Joyce Serfass, Mary Sturm, Blanch Weymuth and Judy Zimmerman.

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:

Fifth Sunday after Trinity – July 9, 2023

Hymns: 589, 688, 619, 682, 560, 828

Readings: Psalm 16; 1 Kings 19:11-21; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Luke 5:1-11