

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 Reformation Festival  
October 29, 2023 through November 4, 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: Psalm 139:13–14 *“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well”*.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 133

*Psalm Prayer:* Lord God, You have poured into our hearts the precious oil of Your Spirit of love. Make us of one heart and of one will, so that we may be true members of the Body of Jesus Christ, united as He has commanded us; and to You be the glory now and forever. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
October 29	Deuteronomy 21	Matthew 16:1-12
October 30	Deuteronomy 24	Matthew 16:13-28
October 31	Deuteronomy 25 & 26	Matthew 17:1-13
November 1	Deuteronomy 27	Matthew 17:14-27
November 2	Deuteronomy 28	Matthew 18:1-20
November 3	Deuteronomy 29	Matthew 18:21-35
November 4	Deuteronomy 30	Matthew 19:1-15
November 5	Deuteronomy 31	Matthew 19:16-30

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 813 “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”

Catechism for the Week: Confession (see *LSB* p. 326)

*What is Confession? What sins should we confess? Which are these?*

*Collect for Reformation Day:*

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Collect:*

Almighty and everlasting God, who by Thy Son hast promised us the forgiveness of sins, righteousness, and everlasting life: We beseech Thee, do Thou by Thy Holy Spirit so quicken our hearts that we in daily prayer may seek our help in Christ against all temptations, and, constantly believing His promise, obtain that for which we pray, and at last be saved, through Thy Son 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 the children of our Early Childhood Center and their families  
For a godly sense of stewardship in our homes and church  
For civility and humility among servants in government

For Irene Anderson, Glorine Bahl, Cole Baresel, Jeanne Beck, Tim Carrao, Rev. Perry Copus, Bryan, Linda Hill, Tripp Hughes, Marian Johnson, Emma Kranz, Jackie Mulford, Darrell Schulz, Nat & Joyce Serfass, Chris Thompson and Blanch Weymuth.

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:

All Saints' Day – November 5, 2023

Hymns: 670; 677; 676; 932; 941; 661

Readings: Psalm 149; Revelation 7:2-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12