

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 First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2023 through December 9, 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: 2 Peter 1:21

“For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 122

Psalm Prayer: Almighty God, bestow Your plenteous peace on those who walk in the courts of Your house, that while we give thanks to You with eager hearts, we may attain Your good things in heavenly places, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
December 3	Daniel 6	Revelation 22
December 4	Isaiah 1	1 Peter 1:1-12
December 5	Isaiah 2	1 Peter 1:13-25
December 6	Isaiah 5	1 Peter 2:1-12
December 7	Isaiah 6	1 Peter 2:13-25
December 8	Isaiah 7:10—8:8	1 Peter 3:1-22
December 9	Isaiah 8:9—9:7	1 Peter 4:1-10
December 10	Isaiah 9:8—10:11	1 Peter 5:1-14

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 332 “Savior of the Nations, Come”

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

What Hearers Owe Their Pastors

Collect for the First Sunday in Advent:

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect:

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank Thee, we bless and praise Thee forever, that Thou didst send Thy Son to rule over us poor sinners, who for our transgressions did justly deserve to remain in the bondage of sin and Satan, and didst give us in Him a meek and righteous King, who by His death became our Savior from sin and eternal death: We beseech Thee so to enlighten, govern and direct us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may ever remain faithful to this righteous King and Savior, and not, after the manner of the world, be offended with His humble form and despised word, but, firmly believing in Him, obtain eternal salvation; through the same, Thy beloved 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 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,
Royce Closterman, 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:

Second Sunday in Advent – December 10, 2023

Hymns: 508; 336; 334; 515; 514; 333

Readings: Psalm 50; Malachi 4; Romans 15:4-13; Luke 21:25-36