

At Home In The Word

Spiritually Vibrant Homes: "Homes of Messy Prayer"

Week Of October 5-11, 2020
Zion Lutheran Church, El Paso, Texas

Repetition yields memorization, contemplation, and deeper understanding. Draw from these scriptures, prayers, catechetical materials, and hymn(s) throughout your week of personal and family devotion, prayer, or homeschool family instruction. Then let them resonate in new ways as we all gather together in worship on Sunday.

MEMORY VERSE

Philippians 4:6

"Let your requests be made known to God."

MEMORY PSALM

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

CATECHISM

The Lord's Prayer: Introduction

"Our Father who art in heaven." *What does this mean?* With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

CATECHISM

Second Commandment and Meaning

"You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God." *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(Wait for the Lord) Isaiah 25:6-9

EPISTLE READING

(Do not worry. Pray.) Philippians 4:4-13

GOSPEL READING

(God's Kingdom is described as a banquet with many invited guests) Matthew 22:1-14

MORNING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God, You have called us in Christ to live as those who are joyfully assured of Your forgiveness and care. Grant us a full sense of being a community gathered together in Your love as we await the company of saints and angels in Your eternal kingdom. This we ask for the sake of Jesus, our Savior and our King.

GOSPEL HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Lutheran Service Book 770



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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HYMN

"Entrust Your Days and Burdens" LSB 754



1 En - trust your days and bur - dens To God's most lov - ing
 2 Re - ly on God your Sav - ior And find your life se -
 3 Take heart, have hope, my spir - it, And do not be dis -



hand; He cares for you while rul - ing The
 cure. Make His work your foun - da - tion That
 mayed; God helps in ev - 'ry tri - al And



sky, the sea, the land. For He who guides the
 your work may en - dure. No anx - ious thought, no
 makes you un - a - fraid. A - wait His time with



tem - pests A - long their thun - d'rous ways Will
 wor - ry, No self - tor - ment - ing care Can
 pa - tience Through dark - est hours of night Un -



find for you a path - way And guide you all your days.
 win your Fa - ther's fa - vor; His heart is moved by prayer.
 til the sun you hoped for De - lights your ea - ger sight.

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