Mount Calvary at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the Whole Congregation

November 2026



For All Saints' Day
November 1, 2026 through November 8, 2026

******What the Bible Says About*** *SAINTS—There is much written about the "holy ones" in the Bible. In a good many passages in the New Testament, "saints" refer simply to Christians, those who belong to the Church of Christ and believe in Christ. Yet the same people who are called holy are sternly reproached for their greed, their jealousy, their internal strife, and for the fact that they act maliciously and harmfully toward one another. How then can the Bible speak of ordinary Christians as saints? It is apparent, then, that ordinary Christians are still called holy because they are partakers of Christ Himself and therefore have a portion in His Holiness which covers all their sins. This is the reason that the church may be called holy, even though her members are imperfect. Despite sin, we belong together, and we receive the holiness of Christ, who is our brother. Saints are then called to grow up into Christ, to be changed into His likeness, and to glorify God and reveal the life of Jesus in the midst of their earthly weakness. This is their calling. They glorify Christ in witness of His reality with their whole life. This exists as a capacity and a beginning for each of us and grows as faith increases, yet it will never be so complete a growth that any saint will ever cease also to be a sinner. And yet, by God's grace, those who believe are God's holy saints.* *–adapted from Swedish Lutheran pastor Bo Giertz' "Preaching from the Whole Bible"*

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order and meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Theme: *Praise be to God for saints living and departed*

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles Creed

Psalm of the Week — Psalm 149

Verse of the Week — Matthew 6:33-34, *"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."*

The Catechism of the Week: *The Ten Commandments – The Ninth Commandment*

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house." *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

Daily Bible Readings – The Book of Mark **(*Optional 2nd Reading)***

Monday	The Beginning of the Gospel According to St. Mark—Mark 1:1-13	Jeremiah 34:1-7
Tuesday	Jesus Begins His Public Ministry—Mark 1:14-20	Jeremiah 34:8-22
Wednesday	The Signs of the Messiah—Mark 1:21-34	Jeremiah 35:1-11
Thursday	Jesus Preaches in Galilee and Cleanses a Leper—Mark 1:35-45	Jeremiah 35:12-19
Friday	Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic—Mark 2:1-12	Jeremiah 36:1-10
Saturday	Look ahead to Sunday's Readings (DSS 2, LSB 802, 714, 673, 791, 813) Proverbs 8:11-22, Psalm 111, Philippians 3:17-21, Matthew 22:15-22	

Prayers for the Week

Collect for All Saints' Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Daily Themes for Prayer

Day	*Church Family*	*Daily Petitions*
Sunday	Connor & Ruth Stemler; Oliver, MaryAnn	For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and the Sacraments
Monday	Ron & Nancy Stiegler	For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.
Tuesday	Scott & Angela Sullivan	For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.
Wednesday	Aiden Swann	For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.
Thursday	Doug & Mary Anne Sylvester	For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.
Friday	Paula Trimpey	For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.
Saturday	Dave & Marian Trovinger	For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.

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Twenty-third Sunday After Trinity
November 8, 2026 through November 15, 2026

******What the Bible Says About*** *RENDERING TO GOD THE THINGS OF GOD— This Sunday we hear in our Old Testament lesson (Proverbs 8) that wisdom is better than jewels and fine gold. Jesus walked on this earth in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice as the One who was truly Wise. When confronted with the civic duty of paying taxes after being shown a coin, our Lord Jesus spoke of rendering to Caesar and God both the things that are due to them. With this answer He amazed and silenced His opponents who were hoping to trap Him in His Words. Our Lord did more, however, than speak this truth, He lived it as that week He rendered to God perfect fear, love, and trust even as He suffered on the cross for the complete sacrifice for our sin. He also rendered to Caesar the things of honor and justice, submitting to the law of the land under Pontius Pilate that put Him on the cross. True enduring riches and honor are found in our heavenly citizenship from which we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

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Theme: *Give to Caesar and God What are Due Them*

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles Creed

Psalm of the Week — Psalm 111

Verse of the Week — Luke 12:15, *"Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."*

The Catechism of the Week: *The Ten Commandments – The Ninth Commandment*

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house." *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

Daily Bible Readings – The Book of Mark ***(Optional 2nd Reading)***

Monday	Matthew the Tax Collector—Mark 2:13-17	Jeremiah 36:11-26
Tuesday	Fasting and the Sabbath—Mark 2:18-28	Jeremiah 36:27-32
Wednesday	Healing on the Sabbath—Mark 3:1-12	Jeremiah 37:1-10
Thursday	The Twelve Apostles—Mark 3:13-35	Jeremiah 37:11-21
Friday	The Parable of the Sower and The Seed—Mark 4:1-20	Jeremiah 38:1-13
Saturday	Look ahead to Sunday's Readings (DSS 2)	
	Isaiah 51:9-16, Psalm 126, Colossians 1:9-14, Matthew 9:18-26	

Prayers for the Week

Collect for Trinity 23

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Daily Themes for Prayer

Day	*Church Family*	*Daily Petitions*
Sunday	Michael & Candace Usner; Elijah, Noel, Trinity, Grace, Hope	For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and the Sacraments
Monday	Conner Velkly	For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.
Tuesday	Eric & Liz Velkly; Tyler	For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.
Wednesday	Karen Walton	For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.
Thursday	James Wellenreiter	For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.
Friday	Malcom & Elsbeth West; Edith, Warren, Eleanor	For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.
Saturday	Jon & Anna Wilkening; Miles, Owen, Rhys	For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.

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For the Twenty-fourth Sunday After Trinity
November 15, 2026 through November 22, 2026

******What the Bible Says About*** *ETERNAL LIFE— The Sadducees were a sect of the Jews who did not believe in life after death. Once they tried to embarrass Jesus by asking him a double-pronged question about who in heaven would be the husband of a woman who had several spouses in this world. Jesus said that their question showed that they did not understand that after the resurrection, we will live in a new age, in a new manner of life "like the angels." We will be individuals in that life also, with a being and a body, although instead of our life being animated (as it is presently) in a physical way with our brain, nervous system, and the living substances of our limbs, we will be animated entirely by the life of God. This life, though, is not something that has to wait. In our baptism we have put on Christ. Christ dwells within us through the Spirit. As we appear before the judgment seat of Christ, we cannot do so without the hidden life of faith if we are to be a partaker in the full revelation of the glory of the resurrection. "He who has the Son has life."* *–adapted from Swedish Lutheran pastor Bo Giertz' "Preaching from the Whole Bible"*

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

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Theme: *Jesus Bestows Life & Resurrection*

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles Creed

Psalm of the Week — Psalm 126

Verse of the Week — Matthew 6:25, *"Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"*

The Catechism of the Week: *The Ten Commandments – The Tenth Commandment*

"You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor." *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Daily Bible Readings – The Book of Mark ***(Optional 2nd Reading)***

Monday	Jesus Tells Parables of the Kingdom of God—Mark 4:21-34	Jeremiah 38:14-28
Tuesday	Jesus Stills the Storm—Mark 4:35-41	Jeremiah 39:1-10
Wednesday	A Demon-Possessed Man Is Healed—Mark 5:1-20	Jeremiah 39:11-18
Thursday	A Girl Is Raised and a Woman is Healed—Mark 5:21-43	Jeremiah 40:1-6
Friday	Jesus Is Rejected at Nazareth—Mark 6:1-13	Jeremiah 40:7-16
Saturday	Look ahead to Sunday's Readings (DSS 3)	
	Isaiah 65:17-25, Psalm 149, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:1-13	

Prayers for the Week

Collect for Trinity 24

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by You be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Daily Themes for Prayer

Day	*Church Family*	*Daily Petitions*
Sunday	Jeff & Michelle Wise	For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and the Sacraments
Monday	Pr. Jim & Bev Witt	For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.
Tuesday	Tim Wolf	For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.
Wednesday	Mike & Judy Wood	For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.
Thursday	John & Cassie Wuensche; Charlotte, Jack	For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.
Friday	Elmer Yochum	For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.
Saturday	Karl & Doris Yochum	For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.

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Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 22, 2026 through November 29, 2026

******What the Bible Says About*** *THE FINAL JUDGMENT— There will be a day of judgment. It will come for all of us. The Son of Man will sit on His throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations and all who are in their graves. There will be no higher court to which we can appeal. All the evil of the world will be finished. There will be a separation forever from God, and the door will be closed. All judgment will be according to the deeds which we have done. All deeds reveal whether there is faith. Life and good deeds follow our portion in Christ and faith in Him, yet our love to God and to our neighbor is never guiltless before the judgment of God. Christ has atoned for our sin and has made it possible for us to be partakers both of forgiveness and of life eternal. He who has opportunity to serve His neighbor for the sake of Christ will also do just that. Yet He does not think highly of His deeds or bring them up on the day of judgment. He will be shocked and surprised when He hears of His own deeds. He saw himself only as a poor sinner who hoped for mercy for the sake of Christ. Thus also He lived in Christ, and to them that are in Christ there is no condemnation.* *–adapted from Swedish Lutheran pastor Bo Giertz' "Preaching from the Whole Bible"*

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

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Theme: *The Bridegroom is Near, Rise Up to Meet Him*

Invocation
In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles Creed

Psalm of the Week — Psalm 149

Verse of the Week — Psalm 33:6, *"By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth."*

The Catechism of the Week: *The Creed – The First Article: Creation*
"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth." *What does this mean?* I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Daily Bible Readings – The Book of Mark **(*Optional 2nd Reading)***

Monday	John the Baptist Is Beheaded—Mark 6:14-29	Jeremiah 41:1-8
Tuesday	The Feeding of the 5,000—Mark 6:30-44	Jeremiah 41:9-18
Wednesday	Jesus Walks on the Water—Mark 6:45-56	Jeremiah 42:1-6
Thursday	Out of Man's Heart Proceed Evil Thoughts—Mark 7:1-23	Jeremiah 42:7-22
Friday	A Canaanite Woman Trusts Jesus' Word—Mark 7:24-30	Jeremiah 43
Saturday	Look ahead to Sunday's Readings (DSS 3)	
	Jeremiah 23:5-8, Psalm 24, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 21:1-9	

Prayers for the Week

Collect for The Last Sunday of the Church Year

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son, we pray, to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Daily Themes for Prayer

Day	*Church Family*	*Daily Petitions*
Sunday	Duane & Deanna Zentz	For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and the Sacraments
Monday	Gary & Jeanie Zentz	For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.
Tuesday	Brent & Kyrie Zimmerman; Alexi, Jasper, Aimee, Lainey, Juniper	For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.
Wednesday	Steve & Rhonda Affield	For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.
Thursday	Ron & Lynn Allison	For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.
Friday	Brad Auker	For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.
Saturday	Nancy Aument	For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.

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First Sunday in Advent
November 29, 2026 through December 6, 2026

******What the Bible Says About CHRIST—*** *Christ is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word "messiah." The word means "anointed one," "crowned one," or "king." It was the Jewish name for the One the Lord God had promised through the prophets that He would send. On His shoulders the government would rest, and His kingdom would be established and upheld with righteousness forever. When people shouted on the Mount of Olives, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel," this was spoken acknowledging Jesus as the Messiah of God. The church offers the same tribute to her Lord on the first Sunday of Advent: Jesus is the King, the Promised One, the Ruler and Sovereign of the whole world. Jesus was born into the world to be King. Jesus was a descendent of David, of royal blood, yet He also existed before David was and is Lord over all. God planned it this way all along—the only way possible for salvation for His children. In the fullness of time God sent His Son. The long wait of Israel prepared the way of Christ. Every human is forced to decide about Jesus and His claims to be the Messiah, and either to submit Him or declare Him guilty of blasphemy. We might today try to evade this question, but at last we must make an answer.* *–adapted from Swedish Lutheran pastor Bo Giertz' "Preaching from the Whole Bible"*

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

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Theme: *Our Lord Comes to Save Us*

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles Creed

Psalm of the Week — Psalm 24

Verse of the Week — John 1:1-3, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made."*

The Catechism of the Week: *The Creed – The First Article: Creation*

"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth." *What does this mean?* I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Daily Bible Readings – The Book of Mark ***(Optional 2nd Reading)***

Monday	Jesus Heals a Deaf Mute—Mark 7:31-37	Jeremiah 44:1-14
Tuesday	The Feeding of the 4,000—Mark 8:1-10	Jeremiah 44:15-30
Wednesday	The Pharisees Seek a Sign—Mark 8:11-21	Jeremiah 45
Thursday	A Blind Man Is Healed at Bethsaida—Mark 8:22-26	Jeremiah 46:1-12
Friday	The Confession of Peter and His Rebuke—Mark 8:27-9:1	Jeremiah 46:13-28
Saturday	Look ahead to Sunday's Readings (DSS 3, LSB 348, 336, 359, 351, 348, 792) Malachi 4:1-6, Psalm 50:1-15, Romans 15:4-13, Luke 21:25-36	

Prayers for the Week

Collect for Ad Te Levavi

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. **Amen.**

Daily Themes for Prayer

Day	*Church Family*	*Daily Petitions*
Sunday	John Banzhof	For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and the Sacraments
Monday	Ray & Eileen Bascelli	For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.
Tuesday	Linda Bechtold	For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.
Wednesday	Allsion Bednarz	For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.
Thursday	Bob & Lynn Bednarz	For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.
Friday	Jim & Nan Bloodworth	For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.
Saturday	Sally Bonham	For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.

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