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## Home Devotions

These devotions go through the day before Pentecost. I used the daily lectionary in ELW. The prayers are mostly my own, with the exception of Sundays and commemorations. The design, wording, and hymn choices imagine someone with limited access to technology.

Our hymnals contain much more than hymns alone: there are prayers throughout the pages, orders of worship, and the Psalms. Take a peek; it's a spiritual treasure trove.

Ways to use a hymnal:

- Read the scripture and prayer for the day. Pick a hymn from the list.
- All of the above and add the Lord's Prayer, a favorite hymn, and/or the Apostles' Creed
- Read scripture and the prayer for the day and then pray Responsive Prayer (pg. 161 and/or pg. 164 of the green Lutheran Book of Worship. Also, the cranberry Evangelical Lutheran Worship and red Service Book and Hymnal have orders for responsive prayer.) Add as many hymns as you'd like.
- Home based Service of the Word (pg.126 in the LBW) with or without sung liturgy.
- Morning prayer, Evening Prayer, and Night Prayer

Below is a daily prayer concern to pray for each day of the week:

- Sunday: The isolated and lonely
- Monday: Those ill around the world
- Tuesday: Health care workers and all working on a treatment/cure
- Wednesday: The elderly and vulnerable
- Thursday: Those struggling economically or with job loss
- Friday: Those with children at home
- Saturday: Your congregation

Now is a great time to practice the Faith 5. What is the Faith 5? Flip the page over to find out.

Call a friend and share together.

Imagine the whole Body of Christ praying along with you. Picture the faces of your congregation and community. Remember that you are surrounded by the great cloud of witnesses, and God is with you.

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# FAITH 5

**Share** our highs and lows

**Read** daily Scripture lesson together

**Talk** about the Bible verse—

What connections do you see?

What words jumped out at you?

What is God doing in the text?

**Pray** together for your highs and lows

**Bless** each other.

Examples:

“Child of God, Be Brave.”

“May God bless you today and every day.”

“You have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the Cross of Christ forever.”

## Possible Hymns to Sing

- ✠ “Abide with Me” (LBW 272, ELW 629)
- ✠ “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” (LBW 158, ELW 392)
- ✠ “All Creatures of Our God and King” (LBW 527, ELW 835)
- ✠ “All People That on Earth Do Dwell (LBW 245, ELW 883)
- ✠ “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night” (LBW 278, ELW 565)
- ✠ “Almighty God, Your Word is Cast” (LBW 234, ELW 516)
- ✠ “Amazing Grace” (LBW 448, ELW 779)
- ✠ “Beautiful Savior” (LBW 518, ELW 838)
- ✠ “Built on a Rock” (LBW 365, ELW 652)
- ✠ “Children of the Heavenly Father” (LBW 474, ELW 781)
- ✠ “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (LBW 499, ELW 807)
- ✠ “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (LBW 170, ELW 855)
- ✠ “Earth and All Stars” (LBW 558, ELW 731)
- ✠ “God of Grace and God of Glory” (LBW 415, ELW 705)
- ✠ “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!” (LBW 144, ELW 385)
- ✠ “Holy, Holy, Holy” (LBW 165, ELW 473)
- ✠ “How Great Thou Art” (LBW 532, ELW 856)
- ✠ “I Know that My Redeemer Lives!” (LBW 352, ELW 619)
- ✠ “Just as I Am, without One Plea” (LBW 296, ELW 592)
- ✠ “Lift High the Cross” (LBW 377, ELW 660)
- ✠ “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (LBW 315, ELW 631)
- ✠ “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (LBW 479, ELW 759)
- ✠ “O God, our Help in Ages Past” (LBW 320, ELW 632)
- ✠ “Open Now They Gates of Beauty” (LBW 250, 533)
- ✠ “Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven” (LBW 549, ELW 865)
- ✠ “Rejoice, the Lord is King!” (LBW 171, ELW 430)
- ✠ “Rise Up, O Saints of God!” (LBW 383, ELW 669)
- ✠ “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” (LBW 327, ELW 623)
- ✠ “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” (LBW 221, ELW 547)
- ✠ “Take My Life, that I May Be” (LBW 406, ELW 685)
- ✠ “When Peace, like a River” (LBW 346, ELW 785)



## Week 1 (April 19-25)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Prayer</u>
Sunday	Psalms 16	<i>God, you are the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt. I pray for all who are locked in due to fear or guilt, all who are afraid to venture out because of risk and danger. Amen</i>
Monday	1 Cor. 15:12-20	<i>Gracious God, may our proclamation never be in vain, for you live and rule eternally. Amen.</i>
Tuesday	1 Cor. 15:20-28	<i>Heavenly Father, we are alive in Christ. May we live each day in the trust that you have and will destroy the last enemy-- death. Amen.</i>
Wednesday	Galatians 2:19-20	<i>Lord Jesus, in this season of Easter, remind me that you live in me. Today, I live in faith in your love for me. Amen.</i>
Thursday	Isaiah 25:1-5	<i>Lord, help me to walk each moment today in your everlasting light. Amen.</i>
Friday	Psalms 116:1-4; 12-19	<i>Lord, you have saved our lives from snares of the Pit, and you have heard the voice of our supplications. Hear our prayers this day for.... . Amen.</i>
Saturday	Luke 14:12-14	<i>O God, your graciousness to us knows no bounds. Help us to share freely, expecting nothing in return. Amen.</i>

## Week 2 (April 26-May 2)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Prayer</u>
Sunday	Luke 24:13-35	<i>O God, your Son makes himself known in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith that we may see him in his redeeming work for the life of the world. Amen.</i>
Monday	Psalms 134	<i>Come bless the Lord, all you servants. We lift our hands in service to you, Lord God. Amen.</i>
Tuesday	Proverbs 8:32-9:6	<i>O Wisdom, you invite us to a well-hewn table. Throughout this pandemic, mature us into the people you would have us be. Amen.</i>
Wednesday	John 21:1-14	<i>Gracious God, As the days drag on and we grow weary, strengthen us with the promise of your presence. Amen.</i>
Thursday	Psalms 23	<i>Lord Jesus the Great Shepherd, Dispel the terror of death, lead us along safe paths, and may we dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Hear our prayers for our enemies..... Amen.</i>
Friday	John 14:8-14	<i>Almighty God, you gave to your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to your Son. May we share the Good News to all we meet. Amen.</i>
Saturday	Ezekiel 34:1-16	<i>Breathe new Life, O Lord, into these dry and creaky bones. Amen.</i>

### Week 3 (May 3-9)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Prayer</u>
Sunday	John 10:1-10	<i>O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house.</i>
Monday	Psalms 100	<i>You, Lord, are good. Your steadfast love endures forever, and you are faithful to all generations. May your faithfulness put a joyful noise on our lips. Amen.</i>
Tuesday	Ezekiel 34:23-31	<i>God our help in ages past, you provide our every need. Help us hunger after justice and righteousness. Amen.</i>
Wednesday	Matthew 20:17-28	<i>Almighty God, show me this day who to serve. Amen.</i>
Thursday	Genesis 12:1-3	<i>God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, thank you for establishing your everlasting covenant with us. Amen.</i>
Friday	Exodus 3:1-12	<i>Happening One, you called Moses to lead your people Israel out of slavery into freedom. Help me hear your voice when you call me, trusting that you will be with me. Amen.</i>
Saturday	Psalms 31:1-5	<i>Into your hands, I commend my spirit, Lord God of truth, for you have redeemed this day and always. Amen.</i>

### Week 4 (May 10-16)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Prayer</u>
Sunday	John 14:1-14	<i>Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world. Amen.</i>
Monday	Exodus 13:17-22	<i>O Lord God, you led your people by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ, for you are merciful and you love your whole creation. Amen.</i>
Tuesday	Proverbs 3:5-11	<i>Lord, in this time when we don't know what the next day will bring, make our paths straight and our reunions joyful. Amen.</i>
Wednesday	John 8:31-38	<i>Gracious God, whose Son is truth, set me free from all falsehoods. Amen.</i>
Thursday	Acts 1:15-26	<i>Almighty God, you chose your faithful servant Matthias to be an apostle. Grant that your church may always be taught and guided by faithful and true leaders. We pray for Deacon.../ Pastor ... today. Amen.</i>
Friday	Psalms 139:1-18	<i>You have searched me, O God, and known me. There is nowhere I can go where you cannot find me--even here. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Amen.</i>
Saturday	Psalms 66	<i>Along with all the earth, we make a joyful noise to you, Lord. Help us to invite others to come and see what you have done. Amen.</i>

## Week 5 (May 17-23)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Prayer</u>
Sunday	John 14:15-21	<i>Almighty and ever-living God, you hold all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy, receive the prayers of all your children and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace. Amen.</i>
Monday	Acts 17:22-31	<i>God, in whom we live and move and have our being, We thank you that you are not an unknown god but God who knows us inside and out. Remain near to us this day. Amen.</i>
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 5:22-33	<i>Lord God, who spoke to Moses in the cloud, you desire life for your people. Grant us grace to follow your commandments. Amen.</i>
Wednesday	John 16:16-24	<i>Jesus, hear our laments... and turn our pain into joy today. Amen.</i>
Thursday	Luke 24: 44-53	<i>Almighty God, your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time. Amen.</i>
Friday	2 Kings 2: 1-15	<i>Lord, when your servants leave us, you do not leave us orphaned. Give us the strength to pick up the mantle. Amen.</i>
Saturday	Psalm 93	<i>Heavenly Father, you established the heavens and the earth. You are from everlasting and deserving of majesty and praise. Amen.</i>

## Week 6 (May 24-30)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Prayer</u>
Sunday	John 17:1-11	<i>O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence. Amen.</i>
Monday	Psalm 99	<i>Lord God, you are holy. You love justice and establish equity. Hear my prayers for the forlorn and forgotten, especially... . Amen.</i>
Tuesday	1 Peter 4:7-11	<i>Heavenly Father, even though we are social distancing, may we exhibit constant love and care for one another. Help us steward your grace towards those who annoy us today. Amen.</i>
Wednesday	John 3:31-36	<i>Gracious God, may my life testify to your goodness to us in Christ Jesus.</i>
Thursday	Acts 2:1-11	<i>Holy Spirit, as we prepare for the day of Pentecost, thank you for the gift of language. Give us patience and perseverance as we seek to understand the voices of our neighbors.</i>
Friday	Psalm 33: 12-22	<i>Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you. Amen.</i>
Saturday	Romans 8:14-27	<i>Abba Father, forgive us when we fall into back into a spirit of Fear. We are not sure how to pray, so hear the sighs too deep for words....Amen.</i>

