

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR MARCH 23 - 29, 2025

If you live alone, think of someone you could invite to join you, either in person or on the phone, for a few minutes reading God's Word and praying together. Resources for Daily Devotions are found on pages 294-330 in the hymnal. (You may borrow a hymnal from the church or ask about ordering hymnal(s) for yourself and others.) We also have free copies of Portals of Prayer with devotions for every day. Every person is encouraged to learn, pray, and yes, *memorize* a hymn, a Bible verse, and a selection from the Catechism each week. Pastor Mike would be glad to visit you to help you begin or improve your practice of Daily Devotions.

Weekly Bible Memory Verse

Ephesians 4:32

³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

845 WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL

1 Where charity and love prevail

There God is ever found;

Brought here together by Christ's love

By love are we thus bound.

2 With grateful joy and holy fear
His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
Now love Him in return.

3 Forgive we now each other's faults
As we our faults confess,
And let us love each other well
In Christian holiness.

4 Let strife among us be unknown;
Let all contention cease;
Be God's the glory that we seek;
Be ours His holy peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined
We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

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*Weekly Catechism: The Lord's Prayer - THE FIFTH
PETITION*

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who
trespass against us.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would
not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of
them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we
pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He
would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin
much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So
we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to
those who sin against us.

We pray for others and for ourselves

✠ We pray for all those facing health problems: Darlene

F, Jerry Babb, Hawk's friends Todd and his wife Nancy, Sherry, Jerry Bullock, Joan C, Jan's business colleague Brian (hearing), Jan's friend Helen and her sister Margaret, Eric, Carol Meyer, Ken (Dick B's son – long covid)

✝ Praise that Crystal is improving and now has health insurance.

✝ Praise that Claudia's friend Ruth (knee surgery) is much improved.

✝ For all with cancer: Colleen's niece Karen, Jerry Babb's brother-in-law Ron, Karl, Jim M' neighbor John and his brother in law Dean (stage 1), Dick's friend Jim, Don & Sandi's friend Jan Carr, Pat

✝ For Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Minnetonka that God will soon provide a pastor for them.

✝ For the Holy Spirit to lead us daily to words and actions that witness of the truth and love of Jesus

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