

5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK **Psalm 66:4, 92:1; 66:1-5, 20**

All the earth shall | worship You,*
and sing praises to | You, O God.
They shall sing praises | to Your name;*
to Your name, | O Most High.
Make a joyful shout to God, | all the earth!*
Sing out the honor of His name; make His praise | glorious.
Say to God, "How awesome | are Your works!*"
All the earth shall sing prais- | es to You."
Come and see the | works of God;*
He is awesome in His doing toward the | sons of men.
Blessed be God, who has not turned a- | way my prayer,*
nor His mercy | from me!

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **1 John 4:4**

"Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."

7 READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, Governor of all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of Your people and grant us Your peace in our time; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9 PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

10 SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK
Of the Father's Love Begotten

TLH 98, LSB 384
Aurelius C. Prudentius



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| <p>1. Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the Source, the Ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.</p> <p>3. O ye heights of heaven, adore Him:
Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him
And extol our God and King,
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.</p> | <p>4. This is He whom Heaven-taught singers
Sang of old with one accord;
Whom the Scriptures of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word.
Now He shines, the Long-expected;
Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.</p> <p>5. Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore.</p> |
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"God Manifested in the Power of Jesus to Create"

1 BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

2 SAY THE APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died
and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the
dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at
the right hand of God, the Father
Almighty. From thence He will come to
judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
Christian church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.

3 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in
heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it
is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily
bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who
trespass against us;
and lead us not into
temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and
the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

4 PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

Morning. 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. Amen.

Evening. I thank you, my
heavenly Father, through Jesus
Christ, Your dear Son, that You
have graciously kept me this day;
and I pray that You would forgive
me all my sins where I have done
wrong, and graciously keep me this
night. 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. Amen.

Around the Word Devotions + the week of January 15-21, 2023

THEME OF THE WEEK: God Manifested in the Power of Jesus to Create

Our Lord Jesus comes into His creation born as part of creation. He Who is eternal assumes into His divine person the temporal to do the work of salvation. He is a common man, but as God He comes to redeem man. His Words are ordinary words, but they are the Words of eternal life. He comes hidden as His creation to redeem His creation - that He may create it anew. This is how He works in you, to make you the new son or daughter of His kingdom, to live with Him in His kingdom in righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: John 2:1-11 "Jesus: The Feast's Servant"

Everything Jesus does is done to serve. His first sign, changing water into wine, manifested His glory - the glory of serving. As Jesus was going to the cross, He prayed that the Father's name would be glorified. (It would be glorified in Jesus serving His Father's will and us, by willingly dying for the salvation of sinners.) Mary rightly points the servants to Jesus, the true Servant. Today we feasted at that same Servant's Table and God's name is glorified. *Thanks be to You, Jesus, for serving us with Your life and death that we may be Your own! Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 14 - "Jesus: The Wisdom of the Wise"

The description of the fool describes all of us. We are all foolish by nature. Adam and Eve passed that down to us: the desire to be wise like God, left them (us) foolish. We think we are gods; our own little masters! Lord, have mercy. Jesus has redeemed us and made us His own, that we would rightly repent and call upon the true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He has brought us from the darkness to the light, from foolishness to wisdom. *God, grant that we be truly wise, being kept in the true light, Jesus Christ, and in Your Word. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:6-16 "Jesus: The Giver of Gifts"

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." The sin at work in you always tries to keep you from such things. But in your baptism, the Spirit of God (Who is mightier than sin and the devil) is at work in you! He raises you up each day with Jesus from sin to righteousness, from death to life. The gifts Jesus gives you by His Spirit are His own joy, His own patience, and His Word to fill your mouth with petitions and praises to Him. *Thanks be to You, O God, for the gifts You give through Your Spirit! Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 18:15-19 "Jesus: The New and Greater Prophet"

A new prophet, a greater prophet was coming. He would be like Moses, yet so much more than Moses. As they have listened to Moses, they would listen to the coming prophet. But they didn't listen to Moses, did they? They grumbled and rebelled against him and the promised prophet (Jesus) too. Our ears and hearts are also closed off by sin to God's Word. Thankfully Jesus is more than a prophet! By His sacrifice, He opens our ears to hear and creates in us clean hearts. *Lord Jesus, by Your Spirit, give me ears to gladly hear Your Word. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: Luke 19:1-10 "Jesus: The Seeking and Saving Savior"

"The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Simple words that beautifully summarize Jesus' work. The work, the desire, the effort is all His. Just as it was in the Garden of Eden, God went out to search for Adam and Eve and found them as they ran from Him. Jesus came for sinners such as them, Zacchaeus, and you. Receive Him joyfully likewise into your home and say, "Today salvation has come to this house!" *Gracious Lord Jesus, fill us with joy at Your salvation and create in us a hunger for Your Word. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 5:21-33 "Jesus: The Church's Bridegroom"

Christians are called to submit to one another. Specifically in the home, wives are to submit to their husbands, and husbands are to love their wives as Christ loved the church. In a world without sin, these would be easy things, wouldn't they? Sin, though, prevents any of us from submitting or serving like that. In willing and perfect obedience to the Father, Jesus laid down His life to sanctify us! Jesus laid down His life to cleanse, sanctify, and claim us as His beautiful Bride! *Gracious Lord Jesus, work in us the joy of serving one another, even as You have served us. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 16 "Jesus: The Joy of His People"

The Lord God redeems your body and soul by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. He gives Himself completely to save you, and gives you Himself completely! Everything that is His He counts as yours. His death to defeat sin and death is counted as yours. His resurrection to life again is your resurrection to new life. His life is counted as your never-ending life. What kindness is His, what joy is yours! *Lord Jesus, in Your life, death, and resurrection for us, fill us with all joy! Amen.*

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