

**5** PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK **Psalm 25:16, 18, 1-2, 5, 15, 20**

Turn Yourself to me, and have mer- / cy on me,\*  
for I am desolate and af- / flicted.  
Look on my affliction / and my pain,\*  
and forgive / all my sins.  
To You, O Lord, I lift / up my soul.\*  
O my God, I trust in You; Let me not / be ashamed.  
You are the God of my sal- / vation;\*  
on You I wait / all the day.  
My eyes are ever / toward the Lord,\*  
for He shall pluck my feet out / of the net.  
Keep my soul, and de- / liver me;\*  
let me not be ashamed, for I put my / trust in You.

**6** SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **Micah 7:19**  
He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

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

**8** PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK  
O God, the Protector of all that trust in You, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us Your mercy that, You being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

**9** PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

**10** SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK  
**Jesus Sinners Doth Receive**

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| 1. Jesus sinners doth receive;<br>Oh, may all this saying ponder<br>Who in sin's delusions live<br>And from God and heaven wander!<br>Here is hope for all who grieve--<br>Jesus sinners doth receive. | 2. We deserve but grief and shame,<br>Yet His words, rich grace revealing,<br>Pardon, peace, and life proclaim.<br>Here their ills have perfect healing<br>Who with humble hearts believe--<br>Jesus sinners doth receive. | 4. Come, ye sinners, one and all,<br>Come, accept His invitation;<br>Come, obey His gracious call,<br>Come and take His free salvation!<br>Firmly in these words believe:<br>Jesus sinners doth receive. | 6. Oh, how blest it is to know:<br>Were as scarlet my transgression,<br>It shall be as white as snow<br>By Thy blood and bitter Passion:<br>For these words I now believe:<br>Jesus sinners doth receive. |
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**“The Repentance Wrought by the Spirit”**

**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.

**THEME OF THE WEEK: The Repentance Wrought by the Spirit**

Repentance includes both contrition (sorrow over sin) and faith that God, for the sake of His Son Jesus who died on the cross and rose again from the dead. He forgives our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. This repentance can and must only be credited to the Holy Spirit, who, through the hearing of the Word, calls us out of our darkness and into the marvelous light of Christ. With repentance comes a humbleness and submission to our Lord and His authority. Repentance brings great joy in heaven, where the saints dwell with their Savior and all of His grace and mercy. The Spirit reminds us to be sober and vigilant in this life.

SUN

**SCRIPTURE: Luke 15:1-10: Joy Over One Sinner Repenting**

The sinner believes “repentance” is a word of oppression, an outdated word that needs to be dispensed with so we can move on to bigger and better things. How foolish we are! “Repentance” is shown by the Word of God to be a word that leads from death to life, not the other way around. The call of the Spirit through the Word is intended by our Lord to free us from our sin, and our bondage to death and the devil. Indeed, by the power of the Spirit, we are set free! The repentance of even one sinner causes joy in the presence of the angels of God (Luke 15:10). Where there is repentance, there is also faith in the forgiveness of sins from our Lord Jesus Christ. *Lord Jesus, keep Your call of repentance in our ears by the power of Your Spirit. Amen.*

MON

**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119:17-24: The Opening of Eyes**

Blindness is akin to darkness. Sin is darkness, separation from God. Jesus said, If the blind leads the blind, will they not both fall into the ditch? Those who live and keep His Word have their eyes open. Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law (Psalm 119:18). Our closed eyes are opened through the Word of repentance, as we are reminded that our God is also a Man who died on the cross and rose again for our justification. In returning to Him through repentance, God deals bountifully with His servants (Psalm 119:17). Through repentance, we delight in the wondrous things of His law. Your testimonies also are my delight and my counselors (Psalm 119:24). *Lord, keep our meditations on Your statutes. Amen.*

TUE

**SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 5:6-11: Resisting the Devil**

How can one resist the devil? For man it is impossible. We are sinners, and sinners do not have the power or ability to resist the evil one. In fact, sinners are in league with the devil...unless they are Christians. The new man, created in Christ Jesus for good works prepared beforehand by God, resists the devil by the same Spirit he received when he was baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus. By the Spirit, the devil is resisted...steadfast in the faith (1 Peter 5:9). By the Holy Spirit and faith we humble ourselves under God’s mighty hand (v. 6), and our cares are cast upon Him as He cares for us (v. 7). Even in our sufferings, the Spirit is our strength in Christ. *God, by Your grace in Christ Jesus strengthen and settle us. Amen.*



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WED

**SCRIPTURE: Micah 7:18-20: Transgressions Passed Over**

The passing over of transgressions by God should remind us of the Passover for His people Israel. Though Israel was in bondage to the Egyptians, God remained their strength and shield. He gave them the Passover lamb with the promise of His Word that they would not die, but live. Sin kindles God’s anger, but His anger does not last forever, because He delights in mercy (Micah 7:18). This mercy includes the call to forsake our sins and cling to His righteousness. Our sins are cast into the depth of the sea. As He swore to Abraham and Jacob of old, so also He promises us through Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away our sins. *God, Your people are Your heritage; keep them forever in Your mercy. Amen.*

THU

**SCRIPTURE: Luke 15:11-32: The Merciful Father**

Sometimes the sins of others are more serious than our sins. Yet, if we do not see our own sin because we are focused only on the sin of another, this is most dangerous for us. The lost son had committed serious sins. He despised his father, was greedy for his possessions, and spent them foolishly. Yet the other brother, who appeared to be the good brother, was angry when his father received his repentant son back with joy (Luke 15:28). The lost son did not deserve the father’s mercy, but neither did the other son deserve what he already had: Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours (v. 31). As sons of God we all need the mercy of our Father in heaven whose Son won our salvation on the cross. *Father, keep us in Your tender mercies. Amen.*

FRI

**SCRIPTURE: Acts 9:1-18: Repentance and Baptism**

Repentance and baptism go hand in hand. Peter preached repentance, baptism, forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit (see Acts 2:38). This is the life of faith in Jesus Christ. This is the life into which Saul, who became Paul, was called by the Lord. In his persecution of Jesus, Saul had been breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord (Acts 9:1). For this, Saul deserved eternal death. Jesus called Saul to repentance, turning his death to life through the Spirit given in baptism. We may not have persecuted Jesus as Saul did, but our sin deserves the same as Saul’s sins deserved: eternal death. Instead, we were given life by Word and water. *Lord Jesus, thank You for removing the scales of sin from our eyes. Amen.*

SAT

**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 25: Forgiving All Our Sins**

Sin brings affliction and pain, whether it is our own sin, or the sin of others. Sins make us desolate, and through them the troubles of our heart are enlarged (Psalm 25:16-17). We deserve to be left in our sins and forsaken by the Lord. Yet, by His truth God teaches us He is the God of our salvation (v. 5). Through repentance He forgives all of our sins (v. 18), and protects us from our many enemies. We pray to Him as David did, saying, To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul (v. 1). God hears our prayers for His name’s sake (v. 11), the name of His only-begotten Son, who paid the ransom price for our sins by dying on the accursed tree. *Lord, continue to lead us in Your truth and teach us through the forgiveness of sins to lift our soul to You. Amen.*

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