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PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK **Psalm 91:15-16, 1-2, 9-10, 13**

He shall call upon Me, and I will | answer him;*

I will deliver him and | honor him.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him,*

and show him My sal- | vation.”

He who dwells in the secret place of the | Most High*

shall abide under the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

I will say | of the Lord,*

“He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him | I will trust.”

Because you have made the Lord, who is my | refuge,*

even the Most High, your | dwelling place,

No evil shall be- | fall you,*

nor shall any plague come near your | dwelling.

6

SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **Hebrews 4:15**

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

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

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PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayer and stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to defend us from those who rise up against us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

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SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK

God the Father, Be Our Stay

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Martin Luther



(verse 1) God the Father, be our Stay,
 (v2) Jesus Christ, be Thou our Stay,
 (v3) Holy Ghost, be Thou our Stay,
 Oh, let us perish never.
 Cleanse us from our sins, we pray,
 And grant us life forever.
 Keep us from the Evil One;
 Uphold our faith most holy,

Grant us to trust Thee solely
 With humble hearts and lowly.
 Let us put God's armor on:
 With all true Christians running
 Our heavenly race and shunning
 The devil's wiles and cunning.
 Amen, Amen, this be done,
 So sing we, Hallelujah!



“He Suffered Temptation by Satan”

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 February 22-28, 2026

THEME OF THE WEEK: He Suffered Temptation by Satan

When St. Paul meditates on the temptations of Christ he writes, "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16). Jesus' victory over Satan's temptations gives Christians the confidence of faith. Where we would have failed, Jesus succeeded. He succeeded when tempted with bread. He succeeded when promised the Gentile kingdoms. He succeeded when tempted with escape from suffering. Thanks be to God! The holy blood has been shed. The accusation against your sin is silenced. You have access to God's throne for help in the time of temptation.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:1-11 Temptation in the Wilderness

Jesus was tempted as we are, yet He remained without sin. The devil never really changes tactics. The tempter comes when Jesus is at His physical weakest. In his arrogance, Satan believes that he can convince Jesus to not go to Calvary, to not die, to not be Jesus who "saves His people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21) Yet, in the face of these temptations, Jesus places His fear, love, and trust in the Father. His victory is yours in baptism. *Lord, help us to fear, love and trust in You above all things. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 32 "Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity..."

"Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit." This is the central Christian beatitude from which all other beatitudes flow. The knowledge of God's anger against your sin shines down like the scorching sun at high noon. But seeing your sin in the blinding light of the Law doesn't give you a means to make up your transgressions to God. It dries up your strength. You waste away and die. But when you confess your sin, the Lord speaks a better Word. "For the sake of my Son Who has died in your place, I forgive you the iniquity of your sin." *Grant me to confess my sins rightly that I may joy in Christ's mercy. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Today is the Day of Repentance

As we observe the season of Lent, there is always a focus on repentance. As we find in our text today, there is the echo of David's Psalm that we read yesterday. David says that we should seek God while He may be found. Paul tells us that today is the day of salvation. Today is the day of repentance. We turn to our God today and every day, coming to Him in faith knowing that He will lovingly forgive the sins of His people, who come to Him for salvation. This is the promise that we have and the gift that we receive from Jesus because of His death and resurrection for us. *O Lord, I thank You for the generous forgiveness that You continue to give me. Hold me in Your hands and call me to You in repentance every day. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 3:1-24 The Fall and The Gospel

It seems as if Satan had won the day. Adam and Eve took and ate of the tree. The knowledge of evil was something to forever be outside of us. For the created to know evil he must know sin, and we were never supposed to know death. With sin devoured and death well on its way, our first parents were sure that God would come with thunder and lightning to smite and to smote. But He doesn't. Well, He does for Satan, but not for them and certainly not for you. The first Gospel message is proclaimed in verse 15 where the offspring of Eve, God in the flesh in the person of Jesus, would have His heel nipped by the devil in death. But in that death that very same heel would crush the great serpent as Jesus nailed the head of Satan through His feet and into the cross. *Father, grant to me the Gospel of Your Son's crushing heel. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: Luke 22: 34-32 Benefactors

Benefactor literally means a "well-doer". Jesus says that the unbelievers have bosses and lords who tell others what to do, and that they *are* called "benefactors". He does not say that they are benefactors, that is, well-doers, as if good works and acts of service could be done by proxy. Just because you run a non-profit philanthropy doesn't mean you are not obligated to use your own hands to serve others. Good works are done by those who have been set free by Christ's forgiveness. The apostles were to serve their brethren regardless of rank or prestige. Jesus does this too. He stoops down to serve you, dear Christian, with the gospel of grace. He is your Lord, yet deigns to call you brother. *Lord, help me to serve as You have served me. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: James 1:2-15 Trials Cannot Destroy Your Joy

In the midst of trials and temptation, we, the people of God stand fast. Our hope is in Jesus Christ. We know that we are blessed. The crown of life belongs to us. Thus, in the face of adversity our joy will not be destroyed because Jesus Christ cannot be destroyed. The world says we should find joy only in the pleasures of life, but our joy is more profound and deep. Our joy is rooted in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. *Lord of all, give us steadfastness of faith that we may endure trials with joy. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 11:25-30 Rest for Your Souls

You might be tempted to think that Lent is just a long season of dark and brooding thoughts over sin and wickedness. Don't fall into that trap. This is a blessed time when our ancient foes crash and break upon the Rock that is Christ and His Word. This isn't a time to be overcome by sin's pervasive tyranny, or the devil's pomp, but to hear the Father's gracious will. This is the message of Lent: You labor under the law. You're heavy laden under the fears, cares, and anxieties of life. Jesus comes to give you rest. His yoke is light, for it is of faith, not works. In Jesus, as you see the Father's desire to save you with the blood of His own Son upon the cross, you have rest for your souls. *God, grant rest from our enemies through this preaching of grace. Amen.*

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