



Psalm 100

June 11, 2017

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**God of all, you are ever worthy of our praise. Show us your blessings anew and open our eyes to what has always been before us. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

***<sup>5</sup>For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 100:5)***



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**The whole creation erupts in praise for its Creator, and we are a part of it. The time has come to rejoice in word, song, and action.**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**Where do you see God working in the world? What makes you praise God?**

**Wonder: What brings God joy? What is God's favorite animal? Geography? Weather? Food? What are some of God's other favorites? Why?**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God bless you as you praise God! Amen.**



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Take 5 minutes each day this week to praise God in a unique way. Here are some ideas: Sing your favorite Christmas carol, do your favorite yoga pose, or take a photo of something beautiful.**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, Psalm 100

Monday, Psalm 103

Tuesday, Psalm 105

Wednesday, Psalm 111

Thursday, Psalm 135

Friday, Psalm 147

Saturday, Psalm 149



June 18, 2017

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**Holy Lord, all things come from you, and all things might be found in you. Open our eyes, O God, that we might know your presence and trust once more in your steadfast love. Amen.**



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

***<sup>1</sup>How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? (Psalm 13:1)***



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**We come to God in times of suffering, seeking relief, seeking light, seeking answers. And God hears it all, without judging or abandoning us.**



Psalm 13



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**Tell of a time you had to trust someone, even though it was hard. How did it turn out? What makes trusting difficult? What makes trusting rewarding?**

**Wonder: Does God trust me? Why or why not?**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God show God's trustworthiness to you. Amen.**



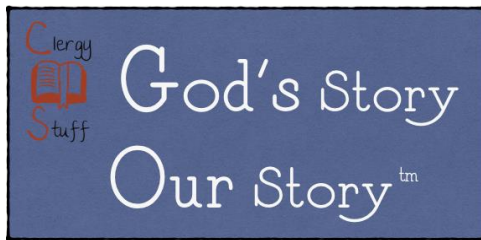
**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Keep a photo journal this week of all the places you see God. Post the photos to your social media, #GodSightings.**



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Sunday, Psalm 13  
Monday, Psalm 3  
Tuesday, Psalm 51  
Wednesday, Psalm 69  
Thursday, Psalm 90  
Friday, Psalm 102  
Saturday, Psalm 140



June 25, 2017

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**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**Loving God, you see the dangers ahead long before we could imagine them. Keep our eyes trained on the path, following in your trustworthy footsteps, by the grace of your spirit. Amen.**



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

***'The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. (Psalm 23:1)***



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**Today's psalm is an expression of ultimate trust. We do not know what perils may lie ahead. But we do know our shepherd, who guides and protects us.**



Psalm 23



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**"The Lord is my shepherd." What other images for God speak to you? (Rock, friend, parent, lifeline, breath) Why?**

**Wonder: What does God love about sheep? What does God love about you?**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God guide and protect you in all that you do. Amen.**



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Think of something you have been reluctant to turn over to God. (A relationship, a struggle, control) Make a decision every day this week to let God handle it without your help.**



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- Sunday, Psalm 23
- Monday, Psalm 11
- Tuesday, Psalm 16
- Wednesday, Psalm 46
- Thursday, Psalm 52
- Friday, Psalm 121
- Saturday, Psalm 131



Psalm 30

July 2, 2017

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**God of life, you have the power to bring us up even from the depths of death. Dry our tears and lift our heads to the light of your healing love, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**



**Read:** Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

*<sup>2</sup>O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.*

*<sup>3</sup>O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. (Psalm 30:2-3)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**The praise of a soul lifted up from despair cannot be silenced. The psalmist knows deep grief; thanksgiving for deliverance from that grief is deeper still.**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**Tell of a time you felt God restored you from grief or illness. How did it feel when you were grieved or sick? How did it feel to be restored?**

**Wonder: If sadness was a place, what would it look like?**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God restore you to wholeness. Amen.**



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Reach out to someone who has recently experienced a loss. Bring a meal or offer a listening ear.**



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Sunday, Psalm 30

Monday, Psalm 34

Tuesday, Psalm 40

Wednesday, Psalm 57

Thursday, Psalm 66

Friday, Psalm 116

Saturday, Psalm 138



July 9, 2017



Psalm 150

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**God in whom we praise, there is no place on earth or in heaven where our praise cannot reach you. Receive the offering of our hearts, and join our voices in one hymn of thanksgiving. In Jesus' name, Amen.**



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

***'Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!'***  
(Psalm 150:6)



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**Imagine handing out instruments to a roomful of children, and what the sound would be like. The psalmist encourages us to praise God with every note, every breath, in every corner of creation.**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**Tell of a time you were so happy, you danced.**

**Wonder: What makes God dance? What is God's favorite musical instrument? Why?**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God fill you with music. Amen.**



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Make music. Dig out an old musical instrument, or make one. Put dry rice or beans in an empty paper towel roll and cover the ends with parchment paper to make a rain stick. Use wooden spoons and an upside-down pot to make a drum. Play along to your favorite song or make up your own song of praise.**



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Sunday, Psalm 150

Monday, Psalm 2

Tuesday, Psalm 22

Wednesday, Psalm 25

Thursday, Psalm 50

Friday, Psalm 106

Saturday, Psalm 119



Spiritual Blessings

July 16, 2017

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**God of spirit, we are yours because you have said we are. Guide us to live as full inheritors of your grace and joyful proclaimers of your promises to all. In Jesus' name, Amen.**



**Read:** Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

***<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. (Ephesians 1:3-4)***



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**The letter to the Ephesians begins with a dramatic description of God's extravagant generosity. They may not have been born into the faith, but as adopted children they—and we—have been blessed beyond measure.**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**Tell of a time you felt like a child in need of a loving parent. Who did you turn to? What did you do to get your needs met?**

**Wonder: Does God ever feel more like being the crazy aunt than the parent? What role is God's favorite? Why?**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God love you as God's most beloved child. Amen.**



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Call the people closest to you and let them know how valuable they are to you.**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, Ephesians 1:1-14, Spiritual Blessings

Monday, Ephesians 1:15-19, Paul's Prayer

Tuesday, Ephesians 1:20-23, Paul's Prayer

Wednesday, Ephesians 2:1-3, Dying to Living

Thursday, Ephesians 2:4-10, Dying to Living

Friday, Philippians 1:3-11, Paul's Prayer

Saturday, Philippians 2:1-11 Imitating Christ's Humility



July 23, 2017

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**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**One true God, we are your dwelling place. Brought close to you by grace, may we reflect the unity which ours in Christ, in the Church and in the world. Amen.**



**Read:** Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

*<sup>17</sup>So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup>for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. (Ephesians 2:17-18)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**The believers in Ephesus are given a monumental task: to live as though the age-old divisions of culture and religion no longer exist, for Jesus has made such distinctions irrelevant. Are these new Christians up to the challenge?**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**What kinds of people are you most afraid of, or do you dislike the most? Why? What could you do to understand them better?**

**Wonder: Who might God dislike? Why?**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God make us all one in Christ. Amen.**



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Learn three new facts about someone or a group that you dislike. Does growing in understanding help you move from hate to love?**



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Sunday, Ephesians 2:11-22, One in Christ  
Monday, Ephesians 3:1-6, Paul's Ministry  
Tuesday, Ephesians 3:7-12, Paul's Ministry  
Wednesday, Ephesians 3:13, Paul's Prayer  
Thursday, Ephesians 3:14-15, Paul's Prayer  
Friday, Ephesians 3:16-19, Paul's Prayer  
Saturday, Ephesians 3:20-22, Paul's Prayer



Unity in Christ

July 30, 2017

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of unity, you have brought us together for a purpose. Show us each the way in which we might use our unique gifts in service to all. In Christ's name, we pray, Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

<sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:4-6)



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

It is now no longer enough simply to sit back and marvel at God's gift of grace offered freely to all; the time has come to listen hard to the Spirit calling us to use our unique gifts for the good of the community. Game on!



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What gifts do you bring to the body of Christ? (What are you good at?)

**Wonder:** What drives or motivates people who are vastly different from yourself? How different are they, really?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God use your gifts well. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

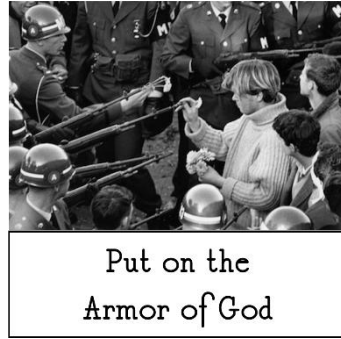
Engage in conversation with someone who is different from yourself. (Wait staff in a restaurant, your pharmacist, someone in line at the grocery store) During your conversation, look deeply into their eyes, watch their mannerisms, hear their voice. Notice the things about them that are not very different from yourself.



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Sunday, Ephesians 4:1-16, Unity in Christ  
Monday, Ephesians 4:17-24, Old to New Life  
Tuesday, Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2, Rules for the New Life  
Wednesday, Ephesians 5:3-5:5, Renounce Old Ways  
Thursday, Ephesians 5:6-14, Renounce Old Ways  
Friday, Ephesians 5:15-20, Renounce Old Ways  
Saturday, Ephesians 5:21-24, The Christian Household





August 6, 2017

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**Mighty God, your weapons are spiritual and your armor is truth. Teach us not to be defensive, but to stand in the strength of your Gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*"Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (Ephesians 6:11)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**God's armor doesn't look like ours. It is comprised of truth, righteousness, faith, salvation, and proclamation. It's not designed to protect against the dangers of combat, but rather the forces that seek to destroy humanity.**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**What spiritual armor do you wear already? What spiritual gifts do you still need to work on? (Truth, righteousness, faith, etc.)**

**Wonder: What would happen if you approached your greatest enemy with love and acceptance?**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God clothe you with spiritual armor. Amen.**



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Reach out to someone you've had an argument with. Speak to them with love and understanding. Ask for forgiveness for your part in the disagreement.**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, Ephesians 6:10-20, Put on the Armor of God  
Monday, Ephesians 5:25-29, The Christian Household  
Tuesday, Ephesians 5:30-33, The Christian Household  
Wednesday, Ephesians 6:1-4, Children and Parents  
Thursday, Ephesians 6:5-9, Slaves and Masters  
Friday, Ephesians 6:21-22, Closing  
Saturday, Ephesians 6:23-24, Blessing



Baptism

August 13, 2017

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**Holy Lord, we offer ourselves to you, and you claim us as your own. Make of our lives a never-ending testimony to your goodness and mercy, which are ours through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**



**Read:** Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

***<sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."*** (Acts 2:38-39)



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**The world's powers bluster on about their own importance, and why you should fear them. God sits back with an immovable calm and enduring authority—the kind that stops armies in their tracks.**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**What does baptism mean to you? If you have been baptized, how does it shape your life? If you have not been baptized, is it something you desire for yourself? Why or why not?**

**Wonder: Does baptism change you? If so, in what ways? In what ways are you unchanged?**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God shape you in God's image. Amen.**



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**If you have not been baptized, write a short story of who you are. Write a short story of who you might be if you got baptized. Is baptism important to you? Why or why not?**

**If you have been baptized, pull out photos or memorabilia from your baptism. Share the story of your baptism with someone.**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, Psalm 46, Acts 2:37-42, Baptism

Monday, Matthew 28:16-20, Jesus Commissions the Disciples

Tuesday, Mark 16:14-18, Jesus Commissions the Disciples

Wednesday, John 1:29-34, The Lamb of God

Thursday, Acts 8:26-40, Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

Friday, Acts 9:1-19, The Conversion of Saul

Saturday, Acts 16:16-40, Paul and Silas in Prison



Baptism

August 20, 2017

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**Lord of freedom, we are no long enslaved to sin. Inspire us to live as children forgiven, freed to share the story of our deliverance and invite others into it, for the sake of Jesus, Amen.**



**Read:** Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

***<sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:3-4)***



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**The place where God dwells defies description. It is a refuge like no other, a sanctuary of grace and an endless source of strength. Such a home would be the fulfillment of our every desire. Guess what? It's already ours!**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**What are some traits or habits you wish you could change about yourself? Why? How might you make changes so that you could live a new kind of life?**

**Wonder: Does God love the baptized more than others? Why or why not?**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God bless you in your dwelling places. Amen.**



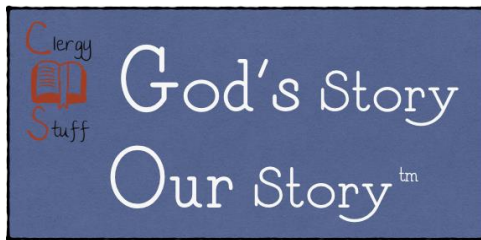
**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**God's home is filled with love, peace, justice, and hope. Some do not have homes like God's. Donate time or money to an organization that helps people find shelter, love, peace, justice, or hope.**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

- Sunday, Psalm 84, Romans 6:1-11, Baptism
- Monday, Romans 8:12-17, Heirs with Christ
- Tuesday, Galatians 4:1-7, Heirs with Christ
- Wednesday, Titus 3:1-8, Heirs with Christ
- Thursday, Genesis 1:1 – 2:4, Created in God's Image
- Friday, Psalm 8
- Saturday, Psalm 139



The Lord's Supper

August 27, 2017

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**Lord of the feast, your gifts are precious beyond measure. May we never forget the cost of the grace that is ours, and may we ever honor you in receiving and sharing it. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**



**Read:** Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

***<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread,<sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*** (1 Corinthians 11:23-24)



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**The Lord's supper is the greatest invitation of all, for its host is the very one who made the earth and brought forth its goodness. What better reason to honor and respect this most precious meal?**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**Tell of a time you shared a meal with someone that you don't usually eat with. How did it go? What did you talk about?**

**Wonder: If Jesus came today, what foods might he share with his disciples instead of bread and wine? What foods would you choose?**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God bless you as you break bread with others. Amen.**



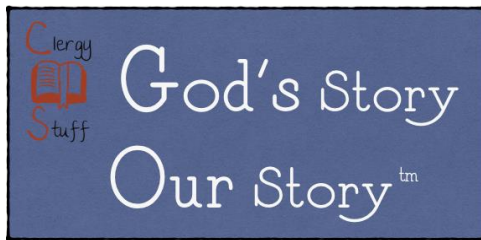
**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Bake bread. It's not hard, it just takes some time. Share a meal with someone and serve your bread as part of the meal.**



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Sunday, Psalm 65, 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, The Lord's Supper  
Monday, Matthew 26:17-25, Passover Feast  
Tuesday, Matthew 26:26-30, Institution of Lord's Supper  
Wednesday, John 6:22-40, Bread from Heaven  
Thursday, John 6:41-51, Bread from Heaven  
Friday, John 6:52-59, Bread from Heaven  
Saturday, Psalm 146, Psalm 146



The Lord's Supper

September 3, 2017

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Holy God, your law is good and exists for the sake of your people. Uphold us in putting love above all other things, that the world would know your goodness and mercy. In Jesus' name, Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

*<sup>1</sup>At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. <sup>2</sup>When the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, "Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the sabbath."* (Matthew 12:1-2)



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Today we cannot escape the image of God's servants eating holy grains against ritual practice, in order to sustain themselves. And they might even get away with it—as long as God is the final judge.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What are some rules or laws worth breaking? What are some worth keeping? Why?

**Wonder:** What rituals, laws, or rules might Jesus break if he lived in this world today?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless your changing expectations. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Evaluate the rules and expectations in your household. Are there some rules that served a purpose at one time but no longer do? Change an expectation that is driving a wedge between you and others in your household.**



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Sunday, 1 Samuel 21:1-9, Matthew 12:1-8 or Mark 14:12-25, The Lord's Supper

Monday, Psalm 43, Grace

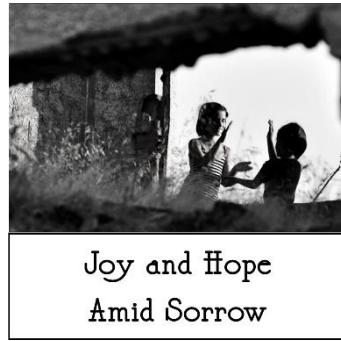
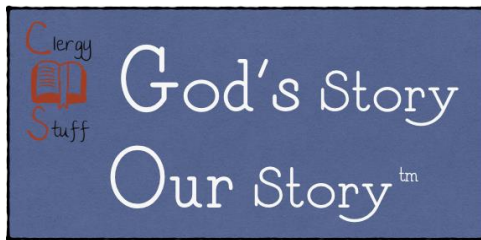
Tuesday, Romans 3:23-24, Justified by Grace

Wednesday, Romans 8:8, Definition of Grace

Thursday, Ephesians 2:4-5, 8, By Grace We Are Saved

Friday, Lamentations 3:24-25, Hope in the Lord

Saturday, Psalm 33, Hope in God



August 13, 2017

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Heavenly Creator, we live in a world of increasing confusion and mixed messages. Show us clearly the path that you have set, the way that leads to you alone. In Jesus' name, Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*<sup>8</sup>And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, "Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come." (Revelation 4:8)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

The writer of Revelation so well cloaked his letter to the early Christians in bizarre imagery, it seems he was destined to be misunderstood. But the message is clear: God's power transcends everything; there is nothing to fear.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Tell of a time you felt sorrow or grief. Describe a light you found, even in the midst of your darkness.

**Wonder:** If this story in Revelation was made into a movie, who would play the roles? What might the characters look like? The sets?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bring joy and hope amid sorrow. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Draw or paint a picture of the images represented in this text, the way you see them in your mind's eye. Do some research to unpack what the images may have represented. Are your images dark and foreboding, or colorfully whimsical?



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, Revelation 4:1-11, Joy and Hope Amid Sorrow

Monday, Revelation 1:1-8, Introduction

Tuesday, Revelation 1:9-20, A Vision of Christ

Wednesday, Revelation 2:1-11, Message to Ephesus, Smyrna

Thursday, Revelation 2:12-29, Message to Pergamum, Thyatira

Friday, Revelation 3:1-13, Message to Sardis, Philadelphia

Saturday, Revelation 3:14-22, Message to Laodicea



Scroll and Lamb

August 20, 2017

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**Living Christ, you are our hope when all hope has failed. Gather us under your wings of mercy, and renew your song of praise within our hearts. In your holy name, we pray, Amen.**



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

***<sup>8</sup>When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. (Revelation 5:8)***



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**John's secret message to the persecuted Christians continues as cryptically as before. Only now a familiar presence appears. The resurrected Lamb, worthy to reveal God's message—can there be any doubt of his identity?**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**Tell of a time you knew God was protecting you.**

**Wonder: Why did John use the image of the Lamb? What comes to mind when you read this text?**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God hold you in God's protection and care. Amen.**



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Gather several items to use in prayer and meditation that are not part of your normal routine. (candles, prayer book, incense, spa music) Use these as you pray, and notice how they affect the nature and atmosphere of your prayer time.**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, Revelation 5:1-13, Scroll and Lamb

Monday, Revelation 5:14, Amen!

Tuesday, Revelation 6:9-17, Seven Seals

Wednesday, Revelation 7:1-8, 144,000 of Israel

Thursday, Revelation 8, Seventh Seal

Friday, Revelation 9, Seven Trumpets

Saturday, Revelation 10, Angel and Scroll



Four Horsemen

August 27, 2017

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Almighty God, your strength far outstrips any earthly power. May we put our fears aside and our trust in you, in whom our hopes will not be disappointed. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

*<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."*  
(Revelation 7:11-12)



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

The apocalyptic vision has become extreme indeed—horsemen unleashing disasters on an unimaginable scale. To persecuted Christians, they are more real than imagined. The final and complete deliverance of God's faithful ones is the best possible news they could receive.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What images in this text scare you the most? Why?

**Wonder:** What might the horsemen ride if they arrived today? How might they be dressed? Would they bring the same sorts of judgments, or would they be different?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God fill you with passion and fire. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Go horseback riding. Enjoy God's beautiful world from atop a majestic animal.



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, Revelation 6:1-8; 7:9-17, Four Horsemen  
Monday, Revelation 11, Two Witnesses, Seventh Trumpet  
Tuesday, Revelation 12, Woman and Dragon  
Wednesday, Revelation 13, The Beasts  
Thursday, Revelation 14, The Lamb and 144,000  
Friday, Revelation 15, Angels with Seven Plagues  
Saturday, Revelation 16, Bowls of God's Wrath





Alpha and Omega

September 3, 2017

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Faithful God, when all has passed away, you remain. May our hearts be glad and our hope restored, that we might live each day to the praise of your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*'Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.*

**(Revelation 21:6)**



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Finally, we have a vision of the new creation that God has kept for us. Death and destruction will never have the final word, not as long as our God is the beginning and end of all things.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What does it mean for God to be the beginning and the end? Is there anything that exists outside the realm of God? What about the devil? Does the devil exist outside the realm of God?

**Wonder:** If God exists outside of time, how can God be the beginning and the end?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May you live within the realm of God, the beginning and the end. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Learn the Greek alphabet. Write your name using Greek letters. Hang it to remind yourself that you exist within the realm of God.



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

- Sunday, Revelation 21:1-6, 22:1-5, Alpha and Omega
- Monday, Revelation 17, Woman and Beast
- Tuesday, Revelation 18, Fall of Babylon
- Wednesday, Revelation 19, Rejoicing in Heaven
- Thursday, Revelation 20, A Thousand Years
- Friday, Revelation 21:7-27, A New Jerusalem
- Saturday, Revelation 22:6-21, Closing