

Daily Devotions for the Week of June 7-13, 2020

Theme of the Week: *The Holy Ministry Proclaims the Triune God*

1 Begin with the **INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2 Say the **APOSTLES' CREED**

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there 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 Read the **LESSON** (see weekly lessons)

5 Say the **FIRST COMMANDMENT** and the Explanation

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

6 Pray the **PRAYER** of the **WEEK**

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever. Amen.

7 Pray for **OURSELVES** and **OTHERS**

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In the Athanasian Creed we confess, "Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith. Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever." The doctrine of the Trinity is not a logical exercise but central to our salvation as Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier.

Sunday

Matthew 28:16-20

On a mountain in Galilee they met a man who had died, but lived again. Some doubted but those who believed worshiped this man as God. God reveals himself as Triune: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Monday

Genesis 1:1-2:3

When we read the account of creation, we see all three persons of the Godhead at work. The Father creates. The Son creates. The Spirit creates. The Trinity was speaking to itself and of itself in the amazing words that displayed God's intent for mankind: Let us make man in our image.

Tuesday

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

The grace, the love, the fellowship. That is the story of the Trinity in the lives of believers. Grace is that which we don't deserve; God's love is what drove it; our fellowship with God and with each other is its result.

Wednesday

Numbers 6:22-27

Countless times have these words been spoken over God's people, giving the very blessings they speak. Preservation, grace and peace. These are the gifts of God won by Christ and distributed by the Spirit. On the road to the Promised Land believers travel at peace in the Triune God's three-fold blessing.

Thursday

Matthew 3:13-17

The Spirit comes forth from the Father and the Son. He is the Paraclete, the one called to be at our side. He is the breath of God whose holy work makes us holy by teaching us his Word and thus bring Christ to us and us to Christ. In revealing Christ, he brings forgiveness and eternal life, all Christ won for us.

Friday

Isaiah 6:1-8

In bringing us into his kingdom, the Holy Trinity uses both law and gospel. The law shows us God in all his majesty and terror; it kills us and makes us despair of our own goodness. The gospel reveals forgiveness, life and salvation won by Christ's death and resurrection. Having been forgiven, the gospel then moves God's own people to respond.

Saturday

Matthew 28:16-20

As you hear this week's Gospel again, note well how much of Jesus' word we are to believe and obey. Many ancient heresies wanted to make Jesus less than a man. Most modern heresies don't bother making him anything more than a man. What this risen Christ speaks is true, for he is God, one with the Father and the Holy Spirit.