

# Daily Devotions for the Week of May 10-16, 2020

Theme of the Week: *He Lives to Be My Only Way to Heaven*

## 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 its 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**

*O God, you form the minds of your faithful people in to a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

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

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*Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Christ's message is so exclusive that it rejects all others. There is only one way to the Father and that way is a person. He says not, "I will show you the way," like Moses. But, "I am the way."*

## Sunday

John 14:1-12

*Jesus bids farewell to his disciples on the night he was betrayed. He speaks to set their hearts at rest and tells them to trust God and him regarding his departure. The disciples' hearts though are clouded by doubt and false hopes as they looked for outward glory rather than the glory revealed through suffering and death.*

## Monday

Acts 17:1-12

*Paul said it was necessary for God to hide himself in suffering. All the conceptions of Messiah as earthly king were wrong and misplaced. Not only did Messiah suffer and die, Messiah had to suffer and die. All the prophecies found their exclusive fulfillment in Jesus of Nazareth.*

## Tuesday

1 Peter 2:4-10

*The world looks at God hidden in Christ as either loser or joke. The Jews rejected Christ because of his humility. The world today rejects him because of his claims of being the only way to the Father and in doing so, reject the chief cornerstone. This rejected stone will be their downfall even as it life and salvation for those who believe in him.*

## Wednesday

Psalm 33

*As you read the psalm, note the stress on the Word of God...what it is, what it does, what it gifts. Faith trusts this Word of God rather than weapons or warriors, soldiers or strongholds. Faith clings to the Word and waits for the promised deliverance.*

## Thursday

1 Kings 18:16-45

*Ahab and Jezebel had institutionalized idolatry and persecution. God sent his prophet to announce judgment in the form of drought and famine. God then sent Elijah into an epic showdown with Baal's prophets. 450 false prophets fail in the face of the One who is the way, the truth and the life.*

## Friday

Acts 4:1-12

*Christianity is the one true faith because Jesus, the only source of salvation rescues us from the evil one. Though rejected by many, this one, true and only cornerstone is the only way of salvation. All who trust in him will never be put to shame. Those who reject him will be crushed by him.*

## Saturday

John 14:1-12

*As you hear this week's Gospel again, ponder how the sinful nature says, "Show us the glory cloud! Show us fiery mountain! Show us the throne ringed by cherubim and seraphim. But there is only one way to that glory and that way is a person...the crucified and risen Jesus. Christ is risen!"*