

# Daily Devotions for the Week of May 17-23, 2020

Theme of the Week: *He Lives to Call Me to Live for Him*

## 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 Explanation of the **SECOND ARTICLE**

*I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.*

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

*Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; 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! The love of God for us leads to a life of loving obedience. Love for God leads to obedience. It is only the promises of Jesus that makes this possible.*

## Sunday

John 14:15-21

*Jesus promises more than a resurrection from the dead. He promises that he is life, that state of blessed holiness and perfect righteousness and communion with God the Father. Mankind lost that life. Jesus came to bring it back.*

## Monday

Acts 17:22-31

*Paul preached to people enamored with spirituality but ignorant of the true God. To a people who thought that they had all of the answers, Paul offers real knowledge of the true God. The unknown God has made himself known by living with us, dying for us and rising for us.*

## Tuesday

1 Peter 3:15-22

*Peter proclaims what it means that God's people are a chosen people, royal priesthood and holy nation. Love for the Lord means obedience to his commands, even if that obedience means suffering.*

## Wednesday

1 John 3:13-18

*Love for God means obedience to God. It was love that led Jesus to obey his Father and become obedient to death. Now that same love empowers us to love others. Christians are called to be the antithesis to Cain...to lay down our lives for one another in word and deed.*

## Thursday

Luke 24:44-53

*Today the church celebrates the ascension of her Lord. The ascension marks the coronation of our Prophet-Priest as King. Today we see his enthronement in glory and power to rule all things for the church.*

## Friday

Acts 1:11

*We take one more day to ponder the ascension. These weeks of Easter have been filled with breathless joy in the presence of a resurrected Savior. For 40 days, the disciples listened to Jesus teach them of the kingdom of God. As they watch him ascend, they wait for the promised Spirit.*

## Saturday

John 14:15-21

*As you hear this week's Gospel again, ponder Jesus' promise. The Spirit of truth will be sent from Father and Son to the disciples on the day of Pentecost. That same Spirit is ongoing gift from Father and Son to the church. Christ is risen!*