

# Daily Devotions for the Week of May 24-30, 2020

Theme of the Week: *He Lives to Give Me Eager Expectation of Glory*

## 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 SEVENTH PETITION and the explanation

But deliver us from evil.  
*What does this mean?*

In conclusion we pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would deliver us from every evil that threatens body and soul, property and reputation, and finally when our last hour comes, grant us a blessed end and graciously take us from this world of sorrow to himself in heaven.

## 6 Pray the PRAYER of the WEEK

*Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; 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! Eternal glory is not dimmed by earthly suffering. Such suffering reminds us of the glory that awaits us. First the cross; then the crown. Our light and momentary troubles cannot mute the joy of living in eager expectation of glory.*

## Sunday

John 17:1-11a

*Just pause and ponder the certainty in Jesus' voice. Listen to the authority that resonates from his words. Stop and marvel at the words Christ speaks even as his enemies prepare to arrest him, to torture him and to kill him. He enters his passion as victor.*

## Monday

Acts 1:1-14

*The disciples rightly expected glory; they just expected it too soon. The time would come when they would rule with Jesus in his kingdom. The time would come for a limitless glory. But that time had not yet arrived. The life lived now is not lived in glory here and now but in eager expectation.*

## Tuesday

1 Peter 4:12-17; 5:6-11

*Peter lived at a time when the emperor and empire had turned against the Way. As a result, great suffering faced faithful Christians. In this life, those sufferings will come; but we live in eager expectation of glory. The cares we have, we cast on him, knowing that any suffering can be borne in joy with eyes fixed on the glory to come.*

## Wednesday

1 Samuel 1:21-28

*Hannah's troubles seem neither light nor momentary. Her barrenness brought suffering, shame and sadness that embittered her life. She humbled herself under God's mighty hand and he lifted her up in due time.*

## Thursday

2 Corinthians 4:13-18

*Who thinks that their troubles are light or momentary? When we lose a loved one, when we face mortal illness or financial ruin – who could think those troubles insignificant and passing? Only those who have a perspective that stretches to the unbounded time of eternity.*

## Friday

Psalm 8

*Jesus won the kingdom with great trouble and anguish. Now he is crowned with honor and adornment and has everything under his feet. For this we give God our praise and thanks, especially for bringing us to a knowledge of this Christ whose glory will be revealed in us.*

## Saturday

John 17:1-11a

*As you hear this week's Gospel again, ponder Jesus' promise. He is granted all authority but he uses it to give, not to take. He gives eternal life and glory by his completed work. Christ promise to return to his Father has come true! We are left not as orphans so we bear our sufferings in eager expectation of the glory that is coming. Christ is risen!*