

5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK Psalm 107:28-29, 1, 8, 24-25

They cry out to the Lord in their | trouble,*
and He brings them out of | their distresses.
He | calms the storm,*
so that its | waves are still.
Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for | He is good!*
For His mercy endures for- | ever.
Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His | goodness,*
and for His wonderful works to the child- | ren of men!
They see the works | of the Lord,*
and His wonders | in the deep.
For He commands the | stormy wind,*
which lifts up the waves | of the sea.

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **Isiah 43:1**
“I have called you by your name, you are Mine.”

7 READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK
Heavenly Father, as You know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our fallen nature we cannot at any time stand upright, grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9 PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

10 SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK **Seek Where Ye May to Find a Way** TLH 383, LSB 557
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| <p>1. Seek where ye may To find a way That leads to your salvation; My heart is stilled, On Christ I build, He is the one Foundation. His Word is sure, His works endure; He doth o'erthrow My every foe; Through Him I more than conquer.</p> <p>2. Seek whom ye may To be your stay; None can redeem his brother. All helpers failed, This Man prevailed, The God-man, and none other. Our Servant-Lord Did help afford; We're justified, For He hath died, The Guiltless for the guilty.</p> | <p>3. Seek Him alone, Who did atone, Who did your souls deliver; Yea, seek Him first, All ye who thirst For grace that faileth never. In every need Seek Him indeed; To every heart He will impart His blessings without measure.</p> <p>4. My heart's Delight, My Crown most bright, Thou, Jesus, art forever. Nor wealth nor pride Nor ought beside Our bond of love shall sever. Thou art my Lord; Thy precious Word Shall be my guide, Whate'er betide. Oh, teach me, Lord, to trust Thee!</p> |
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“God Manifested in the Power of Jesus over Nature”

1 BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

2 SAY THE APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And 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 sits at
the right hand of God, the Father
Almighty. From thence 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 PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

Morning. I thank You, my
heavenly Father, through Jesus
Christ, Your dear Son, that You
have kept me this night from all
harm and danger; and I pray that
You would keep me this day also
from sin and every evil, that all my
doings and life may please You.
For into Your hands I commend
myself, my body and soul, and all
things. Let Your holy angel be with
me, that the evil foe may have no
power over me. Amen.

Evening. I thank you, my
heavenly Father, through Jesus
Christ, Your dear Son, that You
have graciously kept me this day;
and I pray that You would forgive
me all my sins where I have done
wrong, and graciously keep me this
night. For into Your hands, I
commend myself, my body and
soul, and all things. Let Your holy
angel be with me, that the evil foe
may have no power over me. Amen.

THEME OF THE WEEK: God Manifested in the Power of Jesus over Nature

Jesus stands above the winds and the waves. He has authority over sickness and death. He is exalted above sin and the devil. Jesus rules, He sits on the throne as the great King of Kings, He is exalted, and all of this is for you. He administers His kingdom for the benefit of His people. What a wonder! He stands alongside us and says, "Do not fear. Do not be afraid. Do not worry. You are Mine, I am yours." What joy to hear His voice, to know His reassurance, and to be made brave by trusting in His promises.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 8:23-27 "Why Are You Fearful?"

Fear is a form of worship. When we fear something, we exalt it, we lift it up, we consider it to be of the greatest importance. This is why we are to fear, love, and trust in God above all things. Jesus says, "Why fear him who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul?" (Matthew 10:28). The disciples are afraid of the sea, of the waves, of the danger, of the possibility of death. Jesus, waking up from His nap, asks: "Why? Why are you afraid of these things? I am with you. I have authority over the wind and the waves, over sin and death. Do not be afraid," and with a word the trembling hearts and waves are stilled. *O Holy Spirit, give us faith to fear God alone. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 2 "Who is King?"

The bond-bursting cord-cutting kings of this world unite in the rebellion against the Lord, His creation and His Christ, pursuing deathward a freedom from goodness and beauty and life itself. But the Lord will have none of it. He laughs, derisive and angry, and sends His Son to be exalted on the holy hill of Golgotha. Jesus is King, the nations are His heritage, the earth His possession, and our safety from the coming collapse is in the shadow of His wings. "Blessed are all who take refuge in Him." *O Lord, curb our rebellion, and by Your Spirit help us to find safety and salvation in the kingdom of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: Romans 13:8-10 "The Debt and Payment of Love"

Love the Lord your God. Love your neighbor. This is our debt, and we make payments out of the riches of God's love for us. God is love. His banner over us is love. He so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son so that whoever believes in Him would never taste death, but live in glory forever. He showed His love in this, that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. He first loved us. Stunning! We love because He first loved us. *O Lord, we thank You that You laid down Your life for us. Keep us rejoicing and living in Your love. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 43:1-3 "You Are Mine"

The Lord says to His people, to us, to you: "I have called you by your name, you are Mine." (Isaiah 43:1). It is difficult to imagine a more comforting promise. We do not belong to sin. We do not belong to death. We do not belong to the devil. We do not belong to darkness. We belong to the LORD, we are His. He created us. He formed us. He redeemed us. He died for us. He baptized us. He adopted us into His family. We are His people; He is our God. He promises, "I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior." God be praised! *O LORD God, our Savior, thank You for claiming us as Your own people, Your own children, by Your cross. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 14:22-33 "The Preaching of Sinking Peter"

What an event! Jesus is walking past the disciples, they see Him, He comforts them, and then Peter steps out of the boat and walks to Jesus. When Peter's eyes and heart are fixed on Jesus, he, too, can walk on the water, but when he is distracted with the wind and the waves, when he is afraid, he starts to sink. Sinking Peter preaches to us, "Fix your eyes on Jesus. Do not be afraid of the wind, of the waves, of the troubles of this life. He is salvation, and when Jesus is nearby there is nothing at all to fear." Sinking Peter prays, "Help!" and Jesus helps. Jesus always finds us full of fear, and He always commands us, comforts us: "Fear not. I'm here. There is nothing to be afraid of." *Dear Jesus, replace our fear with faith in Your promises. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: Romans 4:16-25 "In hope [Abraham] believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations."

Abraham received the promise from God that he would be a father of many nations when he was one hundred and his wife, Sarah, was ninety. The thought of natural parenthood was practically unimaginable. Hearing the promise of God, Abraham believed and hoped against hope. It is the Lord who calls into existence the things that do not exist. He is the Creator. It is also the Lord Who gives life, Who breathes life into the dust of the earth, Who gives a son to the elderly Abraham and Sarah, as promised. Heavenly Father, You granted Abraham the faith to set aside his reason and trust in Your promises. *We pray that You would strengthen our faith, when our reason tempts us to doubt the promises given us through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 97 "The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!"

The reign of the Lord is universal. His reign extends to even the remote "coastlands" of the earth. Nothing and no one can stand against the Lord. Even the mountains, which we think of as permanent and unmovable, will melt away before Him. "All the peoples see His glory." In Jesus Christ, the power of God, the love of God, and the glory of God is made known to the world. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, the lives of His saints are preserved, and they are delivered from the hand of the wicked. Psalm 97 illustrates this glorious reality which we will behold, with our own eyes, on the Day of the Resurrection. *Lord, God, defend us, Your saints, from the temptation to follow false gods that we may rejoice in You and behold Your glory. Amen.*

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