

September 7, 2025, Creation by the Word

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God who speaks, your Word brought all that is into existence. Speak again into our present time your creating power, and continue to make us new with each passing day. Make us co-creators with you, that we might speak your words of love and compassion into a world in need, so that all might know your justice and peace. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. (Gen 1:1-2)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

God is hard at work crafting each aspect of the universe, sparing no detail. But even the Almighty Creator takes time to rest.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What does it mean that you are created in God's image? What about yourself reminds you of God?
- For the littles: What is God's favorite thing that God created?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God continue to create and re-create you each day. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Donate time or money to a local organization that protects the planet in some way. Journal about your experience.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday: *A Second Account of Creation*, Genesis 2:4b-25

Tuesday: *The First Sin*, Genesis 3:1-13

Wednesday: *Punishment*, Genesis 3:14-24

Thursday: *Cain Murders Abel*, Genesis 4:1-16

Friday: *Beginnings of Civilization*, Genesis 4:17-26

Saturday: *A Son Promised to Abraham and Sarah*, Genesis 18:1-15



September 14, 2025, Binding of Isaac

Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

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Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Holy God, you did not withhold even your own Son, who willingly gave his life for the redemption of the world. Loosen our grasp on worldly things, that we might be freed from our fears of loss and inspired to risk for the good work of justice for all that you have made. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

[God] said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." (Genesis 22:2)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Wood, fire, and knife. Father and son have all the elements required for their sacrifice to God. All but an animal to be offered, that is. Who could imagine the degree to which Abraham's faith is about to be tested?



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- How does this story make you feel? What do you think is the point of the story? When have you experienced life testing you beyond what you thought you could handle? Do you think God understood Abraham's grief when God lost Jesus to crucifixion?
- For the littles: Tell of a time you trusted someone.



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless you when life tests you. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Give something to God this week that is difficult to give up: (Angry outbursts, disposable income, time, control).



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Monday: *Choosing of Rebekah*, Genesis 24:1-27

Tuesday: *Choosing of Rebekah*, Genesis 24:28-49

Wednesday: *Marriage of Isaac and Rebekah*, Genesis 24:50-67

Thursday: *The Birth of Esau and Jacob*, Genesis 25:19-28

Friday: *Esau Sells His Birthright*, Genesis 25:29-34

Saturday: *Isaac and Abimelech*, Genesis 26:1-33



September 21, 2025, Jacob's Dream

Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

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Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of heaven and earth, in love and mercy you pour out your blessing upon us, that we might be a blessing to all the earth. Show us the way to you each day so that, following in it, we might reflect your beauty, power, and justice in all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring." (Genesis 28:13)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jacob is a liar and a cheat, and yet God blesses him. It seems unfair until you realize that the blessing changed Jacob and gave him new and awesome responsibility along with his new name.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Tell of a time you have tried to force God's hand. What could you do to give control over some aspect of your life to God?
- For the littles: Do you know any angels?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God give you God's best blessing. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Make a list of all the ways God has blessed you. Which of these blessings come with responsibilities? Recommit yourself to taking on those responsibilities with respect.



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Monday: *Esau's Lost Blessing*, Genesis 27:30-40

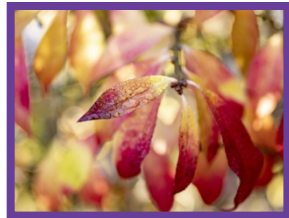
Tuesday: *Jacob Escapes*, Genesis 27:41-28:5

Wednesday: *Esau Marries Ishmael's Daughter*, Genesis 28:6-9

Thursday: *Jacob Meets Rachel*, Genesis 29:1-14

Friday: *Jacob Marries Laban's Daughters*, Genesis 29:15-35

Saturday: *Rachel's Jealousy*, Genesis 30:1-24



September 28, 2025, God's Name Is Revealed

Exodus 2:23-25; 3:10-15; 4:10-17

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Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of promise, you call us into your holy presence and entrust us with the work of caring for your beloved children—all of humanity and all of creation. Guide us, equip us, and inspire us to follow in your way, through Jesus Christ. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." (Exodus 3:13-14)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

The God of enslaved Israel is about to make good on an ancient promise, and has a special job for his servant Moses. This would-be hero, however, is less than enthusiastic.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Tell of a time you had to wait a really long time for an answer from God. What happened when the answer finally came? If you are still waiting, what are you hoping for?
- What did God mean by, "I Am Who I Am"? Consider that "I Am" is a state of being, not a state of doing.
- For the littles: Do you like your name? What have you named your dolls, stuffed animals, or action figures?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God answer your prayers. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Go to polarisproject.org to learn more about human trafficking in our world today. Learn as much as you can about what it is and how you can help stop it.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday: *Moses and Aaron Obey God's Commands*, Exodus 6:28-7:7

Tuesday: *The First Passover*, Exodus 12:1-13

Wednesday: *Death of the Firstborn*, Exodus 12:29-42

Thursday: *The Pillars of Cloud and Fire*, Exodus 13:17-22

Friday: *Crossing the Red Sea*, Exodus 14:1-25

Saturday: *Pursuers Drowned*, Exodus 14:26-31



October 5, 2025, God Provides Manna

Exodus 16:1-18

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of grace, you open your hand and fill us with all good things. Relieve us from our fears of scarcity, that we might trust in your provision for us, and share generously out of what you have given, that all the world might flourish. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" (Exodus 16:11-12)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

God has looked after the Israelites as a loving parent would: first showing them the way out of slavery, then feeding and guiding them through the wilderness. And the people respond with all the gratitude of petulant children.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- How, when, and with whom do you eat? Tell about your favorite mealtime experiences, and how food brought you together.
- How many different ways could the Israelites have prepared manna and quail? What else might they have eaten during their time in the desert? What would you hope to eat if you were starving?
- For the littles: What's your favorite food?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God provide for your every need. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Host a dinner party. Prepare a meal with your own hands. Sit at the table. Say grace. Have stimulating conversation. Enjoy the entire experience.



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Monday: *Jethro's Advice*, Exodus 18:13-27

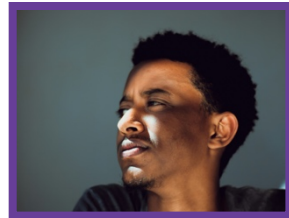
Tuesday: *The Ten Commandments*, Exodus 20:1-21

Wednesday: *The Ark of the Covenant*, Exodus 25:10-22

Thursday: *The Golden Calf*, Exodus 32:1-35

Friday: *Samuel's Birth and Dedication*, 1 Samuel 1:1-28

Saturday: *Hannah's Prayer*, 1 Samuel 2:1-10



October 12, 2025, God Calls Samuel

1 Samuel 3:1-21

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Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God who calls, open our ears to listen for your voice amid the clamor of our daily lives. Help us to discern your call from among the many distractions that confront us each day, that we might live each day according to your will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."
(1 Samuel 3:10)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

It takes several tries before young Samuel realizes that the one calling him in the night is God, rather than his master Eli. But delivering God's message will prove even trickier.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Tell of a time God called you to do something you were reluctant to do. (When was it hard to do the right thing?) How did you find the courage to do it?
- How would your 11-year-old self have responded to a call by God?
- For the littles: What can you do to serve God?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant you courage to come when called. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Compare a current news story in a variety of news outlets. Check the newspaper, TV networks, and social media. How is the story different depending on whose voice is speaking? Who do you believe? Why?



Go Deeper: Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](https://www.clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday: *The Ark of God Captured*, 1 Samuel 4:1-11

Tuesday: *Philistines and the Ark*, 1 Samuel 5:1-12

Wednesday: *The Ark Returned*, 1 Samuel 6:1-16

Thursday: *Israel Demands a King*, 1 Samuel 8:1-18

Friday: *Samuel Anoints Saul as King*, 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8

Saturday: *Saul Rejected as King*, 1 Samuel 15:10-34



October 19, 2025, God Calls David

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Loving God, you do not see as we see, but look on our hearts and know us deeply. Help us to see others as you do—with love, compassion, and boundless grace, that we might live in harmony with our siblings here and throughout creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. (1 Samuel 16:13)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Samuel grieves over God's rejection of Saul as king, but he is still called to rise and anoint a replacement: David.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What leadership qualities do you possess? (Everyone has some.) What other gifts has God given you? How can you use your gifts to do God's work in the world? What did God see in David? How did David's brothers feel about being passed up for the kingship?
- For the littles: What can you do because you're small that others that are big can't do?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God choose you just for who you are. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Consider someone important in your life that is easy to overlook. (A kid's favorite teacher, your minister, postal delivery person, pharmacist, police, etc.) Write and send a letter, card, or email letting them know how important they are to you.



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Monday: *Goliath*, 1 Samuel 17:1-11

Tuesday: *David Visits His Brothers*, 1 Samuel 17:12-23

Wednesday: *David Prepares for Battle*, 1 Samuel 17:31-40

Thursday: *David Slays Goliath*, 1 Samuel 17:41-54

Friday: *Solomon Becomes King*, 1 Kings 1:28-31

Saturday: *Solomon's Prayer for Wisdom*, 1 Kings 3:3-15



October 26, 2025, Solomon's Temple

1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Unbounded God, all of creation is your temple and your dwelling place. Fill us with wonder and joy at your presence in all that you have made. Help us to treat the natural world and all that is in it with respect and care, that all might dwell here together in peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

"So I intend to build a house for the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord said to my father David, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name.'" (1 Kings 1:5)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

At last, Solomon builds the temple that will bear his name.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- In your place of worship, what makes worship meaningful? What hinders meaningful worship? What stands in the way of putting God first?
- For the littles: What do you like most about your church?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless your home. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Volunteer your time around the church this week. Clean the pews, organize the Sunday School closet, or host a funeral luncheon. Be creative!



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Monday: *Elijah Predicts a Drought*, 1 Kings 17:1-7

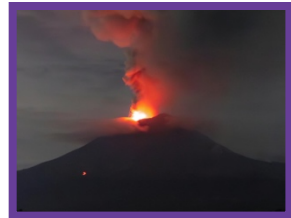
Tuesday: *The Widow Zarephath*, 1 Kings 17:8-16

Wednesday: *Elijah Revives the Widow's Son*, 1 Kings 17:17-24

Thursday: *Elijah's Message to Ahab*, 1 Kings 18:1-19

Friday: *Elijah's Triumph over the Priests of Baal*, 1 Kings 18:20-40

Saturday: *The Drought Ends*, 1 Kings 18:41-46



November 2, 2025, God Speaks to Elijah

1 Kings 19:1-18

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Sustaining God, we often grow weary of trying to serve you, frustrated by our lack of success, dismayed by the continued turmoil that swirls around us in our lives and in the world.

Reground us in your holy presence, renew our commitment, and send us back into the world with trust that all is in your hands. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. (1 Kings 19:11-12)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Elijah feels defeated in his efforts to overcome the worship of Baal. God feeds him and speaks to him in whispers.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Where do you hear God the loudest? Where do you see God most vividly? Where do you feel God most strongly? Listen, look, and feel God all around you this week. Why is God sometimes easiest to hear when all the other voices around us are silenced?
- For the littles: Where do you best hear or speak to God?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God speak to you loud and clear. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Have your hearing tested. In fact, make appointments for all the medical check-ups you've been putting off. It's easier to do God's work if you are at your healthiest.



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Monday: *Elijah Ascends to Heaven*, 2 Kings 2:1-12

Tuesday: *Elisha Succeeds Elijah*, 2 Kings 2:13-18

Wednesday: *Elisha Performs Miracles*, 2 Kings 2:19-25

Thursday: *Elisha and the Widow's Oil*, 2 Kings 4:1-7

Friday: *Elisha Heals Naaman*, 2 Kings 5:1-19a

Saturday: *Jezebel's Violent Death*, 2 Kings 9:30-37



November 9, 2025, Amos: Justice Rolls Down

Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Holy God, too often we are so dazzled by the images with which we are constantly bombarded that we do not see the simple truth of your call. Shake us out of our distraction and focus our attention on what matters: justice, equity, and flourishing for all your beloved creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream. (Amos 5:24)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Amos lambasts the people for thinking that they could substitute worship for justice.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Where do you see the greatest inequities in your community? What can you do to make your world more just?
- How does one person become a crowd, a crowd become a movement, movement become change?
- For the littles: Who needs your help?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God wash you with a spirit of justice. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Find out what your denomination does to work for justice in your community, country, and around the world. If you can, support these efforts financially or see if you can volunteer to help.



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Monday: *Israel's Guilt and Punishment*, Amos 3:1-8

Tuesday: *The Day of the Lord a Dark Day*, Amos 5:18-20

Wednesday: *Complacent Self-Indulgent Punished*, Amos 6:1-8

Thursday: *Complacent Self-Indulgent Punished*, Amos 6:9-14

Friday: *Locusts, Fire, and a Plumb Line*, Amos 7:1-9

Saturday: *The Restoration of David's Kingdom*, Amos 9:11-15



November 16, 2025, Isaiah: A Child Is Born

Isaiah 9:1-7

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Radiant God, we live in a world plagued by the darkness of injustice and despair. By your holy light, scatter the darkness and fill us with the hope of your promised redemption. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. (Is 9:2)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Isaiah prophesies a light which will shine on those who have walked in darkness, the end of oppression, and newfound joy—all to come through the birth of a child.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Have you ever experienced a power outage? What was that darkness like? How was it different than just having the lights out?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus is light? What kind of darkness does Jesus light up?
- For the littles: What words best describe Jesus?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God shine a light on you this week. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Take a night hike using a flashlight, and reflect on what the beam of light reveals to you as you walk.



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Monday: *The Peaceful Kingdom*, Isaiah 11:1-9

Tuesday: *A Warning of Destruction of Jerusalem*, Isaiah 22:1-14

Wednesday: *Praise for Deliverance from Oppression*, Isaiah 25:1-12

Thursday: *Israel's Redemption*, Isaiah 27:1-11

Friday: *A Rebellious People*, Isaiah 30:8-17

Saturday: *The Peace of God's Reign*, Isaiah 32:16-20



November 23, 2025, Jeremiah's Letter to Exiles Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Consoling God, often we find ourselves dissatisfied with where we are in life, questioning our past and our future, unsure whether this is your plan for us. Grant us patience to accept the present, wisdom to discern your will, and courage to carry it out. In all things, help us to trust that you are our guide, and will lead us home. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. (Jeremiah 29:11-12)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jeremiah writes to those in exile, encouraging them to continue in daily, joyful living.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Tell of a time your faith was shaken. What happened? Where is your faith now?
- Has God ever gone back on a promise?
- For the littles: What's the first thing you do when you return home from being out?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant you unshakable faith. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Find out what organization in your community serves refugees (exiles) from other countries. Ask how you can support their work either financially or with time and talent.



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Monday: *Jeremiah's Call*, Jeremiah 1:4-19

Tuesday: *God Pleads with Israel to Repent*, Jeremiah 2:1-8

Wednesday: *Unfaithful Israel*, Jeremiah 3:1-5

Thursday: *Restoration Promised for Israel and Judah*, Jeremiah 30:1-9

Friday: *The Joyful Return of the Exiles*, Jeremiah 31:1-6

Saturday: *A New Covenant*, Jeremiah 31:31-37



November 30, 2025, Advent I

Daniel: The Fiery Furnace, Daniel 3:1, 8-30

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of deliverance, make us strong in our faith, unafraid to hold fast to your word, inspired to act on behalf of those in need no matter what resistance we might face. Walk with us, protect us, and liberate us to speak your truth in word and deed. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, '...If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up.' (Daniel 3:16-18)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego are thrown into a fiery furnace for declaring their belief in God. And just as God delivers them from the flames, God delivers the person who put them there.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What things in your life or our society cry out for you to worship them? What does that worship look like? Do you find it hard to resist? Or do you try?
- When have you stood your ground even if it might have led to negative consequences for you? What happened?
- For the littles: When is it okay to break a rule?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God deliver you from greed and dissatisfaction with what you have. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Build a bonfire, beach fire, or fire in a fireplace. Write down things in your life that cause you pain and sorrow on strips of paper. Ask God to help you let these things go, and then put them in the fire.



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Monday: *Nebuchadnezzar's Dream Interpreted*, Daniel 2:24-49

Tuesday: *Belshazzar's Feast*, Daniel 5:1-12

Wednesday: *The Writing on the Wall*, Daniel 5:13-30

Thursday: *The Lions' Pit*, Daniel 6:6-27

Friday: *The Four Beasts*, Daniel 7:1-18

Saturday: *The End of Days*, Daniel 12:1-3; 5-13



December 7, 2025, Advent II

Ezekiel: Valley of Dry Bones, Ezekiel 37:1-14

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Living God, all of creation is your beloved child. Hear the cries of all who are in pain, in grief, in fear. Give heed to the lost, the despairing, and the dying. Draw all into your loving embrace and breathe into all things your life-giving Spirit, that we might be renewed to be bearers of your light and love to one another. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." (Ez 37:9)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Yet another prophet promises God's deliverance for the exiled nation of Israel. How much longer can they take it? Ezekiel's vision must certainly be an illustration of a people desperate for life-giving breath.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What vital part of you is dead or dying? What needs to happen for that part of you to be brought back to life?
- For the littles: Have you ever known someone that died? What was that like?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God breathe new life into you. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Give life to those in need. Become an organ donor (your local DMV), a blood donor (Red Cross or Memorial Blood Bank), and a bone marrow donor (NMDP Foundation).



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday: *The Vision of the Chariot*, Ezekiel 1:1-14

Tuesday: *The Vision of the Chariot*, Ezekiel 1:15-28

Wednesday: *The Vision of the Scroll*, Ezekiel 2:1-3:11

Thursday: *The Vision of the New Temple*, Ezekiel 40:1-19

Friday: *The Vision of the New Temple*, Ezekiel 40:20-37

Saturday: *The Vision of the New Temple*, Ezekiel 40:38-47



December 14, 2025, Advent III

Word Accomplishes God's Purpose, Isaiah 55:1-13

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Holy God, you send out your Word of life into the world that it would accomplish your purpose of redemption for all of creation. So transform us by this Word that we might deeply internalize it and live our lives according to its guidance. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. (Is 55:10-11)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Isaiah's eloquent prophecy rolls off the tongue like poetry. But more than just beautiful words, it paints a vivid illustration of a world restored, and good that triumphs over evil.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Do you feel that God takes care of your needs? Why or why not?
- How does a word "accomplish that which I purpose"? (Go out into the world and return full.) Just how powerful are words?
- For the littles: Do you like to talk a lot or a little?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless your words going out and coming in. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Plant a wildflower seed in a pot and imagine it is God's loving Word. Tend and care for it and watch it grow into something beautiful. When the flowers eventually bloom, preserve them by drying or pressing and display them as a reminder of God's redeeming love.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday: *God's People Are Comforted*, Isaiah 40:1-11

Tuesday: *The Suffering Servant*, Isaiah 53:2-12

Wednesday: *A Promise of Help and Healing*, Isaiah 57:14-21

Thursday: *Injustice and Oppression to Be Punished*, Isaiah 59:1-8

Friday: *The Good News of Deliverance*, Isaiah 61:1-13

Saturday: *The Glorious New Creation*, Isaiah 65:17-25



December 21, 2025, Advent IV

Word Made Flesh, John 1:1-18

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of light and life, you sent us your Word so that we might know you fully and see your glory, full of grace and truth. Hold us close as we join all of creation in singing a new song to you, for you continue to do marvelous things. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (Genesis 1:1)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

It all starts with a Word. Light. Promise. Savior. This is the one for whom we have waited. Our long-suffering hopes are about to be fulfilled.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- God created with a word, and then God's Word became flesh. What is the most amazing thing you have ever created? What is the most important word or words you have ever spoken?
- For the littles: Do you like to fingerprint? What can you paint?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless you with a single word. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Create something new. Bake, paint, write, carve, plant, quilt.
Celebrate God's word in your creation.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday: *Birth of Jesus Foretold*, Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday: *Mary Visits Elizabeth*, Luke 1:39-56

Wednesday: *Birth of Jesus*, Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

Thursday: *Shepherds Visit*, Luke 2:8-20

Friday: *Wise Men*, Matthew 2:1-12

Saturday: *The Boy Jesus in the Temple*, Luke 2:41-52



December 24, 2025, Christmas Eve The Birth of Jesus, Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of love, on this holy night, when all of creation cries out with joy at the birth of Jesus, still there is suffering in the hearts of many. Still there is fear and grief nearby and far away. Breathe hope into the world, as small and humble as the tiny babe in the manger, and by this hope, transform reality, that all might know the eternal joy of your redeeming love. In the name of our newborn savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. (Luke 2:7)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus is born in the city of David and the shepherd receive the good news from angelic messengers.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What emotions does Christmas evoke in you at this time of the year? How can you turn positive emotions into action for the benefit of others? If the holidays are hard for you, who could you turn to for help getting through this tough time?
- For the littles: What smells, sights, sounds, and emotions can you imagine at Jesus' birth?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless you now and forever. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Return to the store one gift that is given to you this Christmas. Use the money to bless someone who has little.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Thursday: *Shepherds Visit*, Luke 2:8-20

Friday: *Wise Men*, Matthew 2:1-12

Saturday: *The Boy Jesus in the Temple*, Luke 2:41-52



December 25, 2025, Christmas Day

Shepherds Visit, Luke 2:8-20

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of joy, with the shepherds, we come running to your manger, bewildered by what this all means. As we look upon the poor and humble child, fill us with compassion, that we might carry the gift of Jesus' redeeming love to a world in deep need of healing and wholeness. In the name of our precious newborn savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." (Luke 2:15)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

The shepherds go to see Jesus and rejoice that they have found him, sharing the good news with all.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Tell of a time God's blessing interrupted the flow of your life.
- What might the shepherds and Mary have talked about as they cooed over the baby Jesus?
- For the littles: What would you say to the baby Jesus at the manger?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God walk with you every day of your life. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Visit someone you know will be alone this Christmas. (Perhaps someone in a nursing home, who cannot travel, or who is hospitalized.) Bring them Christmas cookies this afternoon and stay for a brief visit.



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Friday: *Wise Men*, Matthew 2:1-12

Saturday: *The Boy Jesus in the Temple*, Luke 2:41-52



December 28, 2025, A Voice in the Wilderness John 1:19-34

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of justice, in the wilderness of our modern time, where so much is chaotic and confusing, open our ears to the voice crying out “prepare the way!” that we might always turn our hearts away from the clamors of the world and once again center our lives on Jesus, our source and redeemer. In his holy name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’” as the prophet Isaiah said. (John 1:23)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Who is this Messiah, this long-awaited whom John is proclaiming to anyone who will listen? Who is this one who baptizes, not with water but with the Holy Spirit? Who is it? (Hint: it's not John.)



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- There are so many competing voices in our world. In what ways do celebrities compete to be heard? How does their contending affect the rest of us? How do you know whose voice to listen to?
- What was it like to live as a prophet in Jesus' day? If you were a prophet today, what would you eat? What would you wear? How would you make your voice heard?
- For the littles: Are you more loud or quiet?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God be the loudest voice in your head. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Tune out the voices of the world this week. Limit your exposure to social media, TV, and the internet. Immerse yourself in positivity, and in God's word.



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Monday: *The Joy of Forgiveness I*, Psalm 32:1-2
Tuesday: *The Joy of Forgiveness II*, Psalm 32:3-4
Wednesday: *The Joy of Forgiveness III*, Psalm 32:5
Thursday: *The Joy of Forgiveness IV*, Psalm 32:6-7
Friday: *The Joy of Forgiveness V*, Psalm 32:8-9
Saturday: *The Joy of Forgiveness VI*, Psalm 32:10-11



January 4, 2026, Jesus Says Come and See

John 1:35-51

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Loving God, you invite us each day into the Word, into our communities of faith, into the work or the wellbeing of the world. Help us to hear in this joyful invitation the call to know and love you more deeply, and to live more richly and authentically, in Jesus' name. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." (John 1:38-39)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

John's proclamation begins to take hold as Jesus attracts his first followers. They are already impressed by what they see in their new leader, but they couldn't possibly be prepared for what is to come.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- In what ways, do you abide with Jesus? How do you emulate him? How much time do you spend with Jesus throughout the week?
- Why did people leave everything to follow Jesus? What would you be willing to leave to follow? What would be hard to leave?
- For the littles: Do you prefer to follow or to be the leader?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God abide with you, day in and day out. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Go to the thrift shop and buy a pair of shoes in your size. Wear them all week. Every time you notice you are wearing different shoes, remember you have been invited to walk with and emulate Jesus.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday: *Praise for God's Goodness to Israel I*, Psalm 66:1-5
Tuesday: *Praise for God's Goodness to Israel II*, Psalm 66:6-7
Wednesday: *Praise for God's Goodness to Israel III*, Psalm 66:8-12
Thursday: *Praise for God's Goodness to Israel IV*, Psalm 66:13-15
Friday: *Praise for God's Goodness to Israel V*, Psalm 66:16-19
Saturday: *Praise for God's Goodness to Israel VI*, Psalm 66:20