



January 11, 2026, Wedding at Cana

John 2:1-11

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, this is the day that you have made; let us rejoice and be glad in it, for you are present in our joys as well as our sorrows, and your desire is the for the blessing of all creation. May our joy spill over into all our interactions with your beautiful world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

*Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. (John 2:11)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus finds himself at a wedding where the hosts are soon to be disgraced by a shortage of wine. But surely this matter is too trifling for the attention of the great teacher, isn't it? Don't be so certain.



**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 a person changed the mood or tone of an event for the better. How did it change? How might we do likewise?
- For the littles: Do you think Jesus had fun at his friend's wedding? Did he dance? Did he laugh?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless all your celebrations. Amen.



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

**Bake something. Think or talk about how the individual ingredients come together and are transformed into something different that brings nourishment and joy when shared. Wonder about how Jesus transforms us as individuals and communities into something even more wondrous and beautiful.**



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

Monday: *Jesus Goes to Capernaum*, John 2:12

Tuesday: *God the Creator and Provider I*, Psalm 104:1-9

Wednesday: *God the Creator and Provider II*, Psalm 104:10-23

Thursday: *God the Creator and Provider III*, Psalm 104:24-26

Friday: *God the Creator and Provider IV*, Psalm 104:27-30

Saturday: *God the Creator and Provider V*, Psalm 104:31-35



## January 18, 2026, Jesus Cleanses the Temple

### John 2:13-25

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



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

Almighty God, even Jesus became angry at the sight of injustice being done in your name. Rouse us from our complacency and spur us to action on behalf of the marginalized and oppressed, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who calls us to follow him. In his name we pray. Amen.



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

*Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. (John 2:15)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Cattle, sheep, doves—all for sale. Just another day at the temple. But today, money changers had better be on their guard. Jesus is in town and he's not pleased with what has become of his Father's house.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What questionable behaviors or customs does your faith community practice that are so embedded they have not been examined for a long time? How could you begin to effect change, if change is needed?
- What do you think happened after Jesus' fit of anger? Did people change? Why or why not?
- For the littles: Do you like to spend money or save it?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God shake up your status quo. Amen.



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

Clean your house. Get rid of things that are bogging you down. Lighten your load. Simplify.



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

Monday: *God's Blessing in the Home I*, Psalm 127:1-2

Tuesday: *God's Blessing in the Home II*, Psalm 127:3-5

Wednesday: *The Happy Home of the Faithful I*, Psalm 128:1-2

Thursday: *The Happy Home of the Faithful II*, Psalm 128:3-4

Friday: *The Happy Home of the Faithful III*, Psalm 128: 5-6

Saturday: *Prayer for the Downfall of Israel's Enemies*, Psalm 129:1-8



**January 25, 2026, Nicodemus**

**John 3:1-21**

*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, pour out your Holy Spirit on us, and make us new creations each day, born again out of your eternal love for us. Invite us deeper into the mystery of your world-transforming presence, that we might follow you more closely. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

*Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. (John 3:5)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

A Jewish leader seeks Jesus under cover of night to ask him the questions which plague his mind, safe from the criticism of his colleagues. What he gets is an education in keeping things hidden.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- In baptism, we die to the old self to be born anew. What needs to die within you so that God can create new life there?
- What would you ask Jesus if you could meet him in the middle of the night?
- For the littles: Are you afraid of the dark?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God give you new life in water and Spirit. Amen.



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

**Go swimming.** As you swim, consider Jesus' blessings given in baptism.



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

Monday: *Jesus and John the Baptist*, John 3:22-30

Tuesday: *The One Who Comes from Heaven*, John 3:31-36

Wednesday: *The Inescapable God I*, Psalm 139:1-6

Thursday: *The Inescapable God II*, Psalm 139:7-12

Friday: *The Inescapable God III*, Psalm 139:13-18

Saturday: *The Inescapable God IV*, Psalm 139:19-24



## February 1, 2026, The Woman at the Well

John 4:1-42

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, your son, Jesus Christ, carried your love to all people, often crossing boundaries in a powerful example of radical welcome. Inspire us to follow in his way, and act in love for all our neighbors, without exception. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

*Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

One thirsty Jewish rabbi on a long journey. One Samaritan woman by a water source. A perfect moment for the God of new life to dissolve age-old divisions.



**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 draw living water? What nourishes your soul?
- What nourishes God's soul?
- For the littles: What makes you feel happy?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God fill you with living water. Amen.



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

Add more fruits and vegetables to your meals this week. Drink lots of water. Take several long walks. Nourish your body as well as your soul.



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

Monday: *Longing for God and His Help in Distress*, Psalm 42:1-3

Tuesday: *Jesus Returns to Galilee*, John 4:43-45

Wednesday: *Hope in the Lord*, Jeremiah 2:8-18

Thursday: *Hope for Israel*, Jeremiah 17:8-18

Friday: *Sweet Love*, Song of Solomon 4:10—5:4

Saturday: *Day of Deliverance*, Zechariah 14:3-13



## February 8, 2026, Healing Stories

John 4:46-54 [5:1-18]

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 restoration, healing and wholeness come from you. Bless the work of all who strive for the healing and wholeness of individuals, communities, nations, human society, and the natural world, that their work might be your work through them, for the sake of all that you have made. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

*Jesus said to him, 'Go; your son will live.' The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. (John 4:50)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

A royal official begs Jesus to heal his son. When Jesus says it will be done, the official comes to trust Jesus—to believe in him—more with each step toward home, where he learns that, in fact, his son is now well.



**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 to you to trust Jesus? When is it hard to trust? How can you develop trust that carries you through even hard times?
- How are you in need of healing right now?
- For the littles: What makes you feel better when you're sick?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless your body, mind, and spirit. Amen.



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

Donate blood or plasma this week, as a way to contribute to the healing of others in your community. Or find another way to support those providing healthcare to low-income families.



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

Monday: *Healing Stories*, John 5:1-18

Tuesday: *The Authority of the Son*, John 5:19-29

Wednesday: *Witnesses to Jesus*, John 5:30-47

Thursday: *Feeding the Five Thousand*, John 6:1-15

Friday: *Jesus Walks on Water*, John 6:16-21

Saturday: *Bread from Heaven*, John 6:22-34



February 15, 2026, The Man Born Blind

(Transfiguration), John 9:1-41

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 radical welcome, cure us of our inability to see your truth in our lives. Cure us of our inability to see your face in our neighbors. Cure us of our inability to see your presence in the natural world. Open our eyes that we might respond in joyful labor for the sake of all that you have made. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

*He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." (John 9:11)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

This man, Jesus, has some nerve: claiming authority to heal a blind man, and on the Sabbath, no less! The Pharisees won't see past their own legalistic view and behold the true miracle. Who, now, is the truly blind one?



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- How does Jesus reveal himself to you? Do you feel Jesus most close by when things are going well or when they are not?
- For the littles: What's something new you have learned this week?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God reveal Jesus to you daily. Amen.



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

Journal every day this week. Make special note of the things you see more clearly once they are written down.



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

Monday: *Triumphant Song of Confidence*, Psalm 27:1-4

Tuesday: *God Reveals Hidden Things*, Matthew 11:25-27

Wednesday: *The Good Shepherd*, John 10:1-18

Thursday: *Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews*, John 10:19-42

Friday: *House of Jacob Walks in the Light*, Isaiah 2:5-10

Saturday: *A Great Light*, Isaiah 9:2-7



## February 18, 2026, The Good Shepherd

John 10:1-18

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



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

Shepherding God, lead us each day in your way, caring for our needs, and showing us by your example how to love and care for others. Draw all the world into your loving arms, that all people and creation might flourish. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

*I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (John 10:11)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Christ uses shepherding images to distinguish himself and outline the nature of God's love and care.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- As Christians live into an increasingly diverse cultural and religious landscape, how can we engage in respectful conversations with people of different world views? How would you describe the Good Shepherd to people who believe differently?
- For the littles: How are you like a sheep? How are you different?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God guide you as only the Good Shepherd can. Amen.



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

Go to a local farm. Observe the animals. How are they like us? How are they unlike us? What can we learn from God's beloved creatures?



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

Thursday: *Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews*, John 10:19-42

Friday: *House of Jacob Walks in the Light*, Isaiah 2:5-10

Saturday: *A Great Light*, Isaiah 9:2-7



## February 22, 2026, Jesus Raises Lazarus

John 11:1-44

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 life, all of us have grieved losses in our lives; many are grieving today, here and around the world. Comfort us in our grief and restore our hope in your promise to wipe away the tears from every face. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

*Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. (John 11:21)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus wades through grief and mourning—including his own—to raise Lazarus from the dead.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- When have you experienced grief in your life? Keep in mind that grief happens not just when we lose a loved one, but when we experience any kind of loss in our lives. Are you grieving now? How does Jesus show up for you in grief?
- For the littles: What cheers you up when you're sad?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God raise you to new life. Amen.



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

Visit a funeral home. Talk with the director there. Learn what their job is like. How do they stay positive in the midst of so much loss? How do they care for themselves and others? What have they learned from being around so much death and grief?



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

Monday: *The Plot to Kill Jesus*, John 11:45-57

Tuesday: *Mary Anoints Jesus*, John 12:1-8

Wednesday: *The Plot to Kill Lazarus*, John 12:9-11

Thursday: *Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem*, John 12:12-19

Friday: *Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus*, John 12:20-26

Saturday: *Jesus Speaks about His Death*, John 12:27-35



## March 1, 2026, Jesus Washes Feet

John 13:1-17

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 have all power, such as to create all that is, yet in Jesus, you humbled yourself and became a finite human and a servant of all. Give us the humility both to recognize our limitations, and to joyfully serve others without expectation of return. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

*So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. (John 13:14-15)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus, knowing of Judas's betrayal, still washes the feet of the disciples and entrusts them with the servant life he has lived for them.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Are there parts of yourself you don't like, that you don't want others to find out about? Do you believe Jesus loves you even though he knows those things?
- How can you show love to those in your life who are deeply flawed? How can you show love to yourself knowing that all human beings are flawed?
- For the littles: Do you like having your feet washed?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God reverse your role. Amen.



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

Think and write carefully about whatever aspect of yourself you don't like or wish you could change. Have a talk with your pastor about it, and ask for whatever guidance they might provide.



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

Monday: *The Unbelief of the People*, John 12:36-43

Tuesday: *Summary of Jesus' Teaching*, John 12:44-50

Wednesday: *Jesus Foretells His Betrayal*, John 13:18-30

Thursday: *The New Commandment*, John 13:31-35

Friday: *Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial*, John 13:36-38

Saturday: *Jesus the Way to the Father*, John 14:1-14



## March 8, 2026, Peter's Denial

John 18:12-27

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 are faithful to us even when we act faithlessly. You call us and claim us even when we live as though we do not know you. Restore us to wholeness, and renew in us a commitment to follow in the way of Jesus each day of our lives. In his name we pray. Amen.



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

*One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.*

(John 18:26-27)



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Peter denies Jesus three times, fulfilling the prophecy that he would do so before dawn on the night Jesus was arrested.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What lies are being told that are so subtle that our culture accepts them as truth? How might you uncover some of those lies for yourself? How might you change your mind about what you believe?
- How did Peter feel when he realized what he had done? How would you feel?
- For the littles: Who or what reminds you to do the things you're supposed to do?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God walk with you, even in your darkest moments. 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 people you avoid because you owe them an apology. Pick one person on the list and ask for their forgiveness.



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

Monday: *The Promise of the Holy Spirit*, John 14:15-31

Tuesday: *Jesus the True Vine*, John 15:1-17

Wednesday: *The World's Hatred*, John 15:18-16:4a

Thursday: *The Work of the Spirit*, John 16:4b-15

Friday: *Sorrow Will Turn into Joy*, John 16:16-24

Saturday: *Peace for the Disciples*, John 16:25-33



March 15, 2026, Jesus and Pilate

John 18:28-40

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, only you know what is absolute truth. Remind us that we can only see things from our own limited perspective, and help us to extend compassion and grace to those we might otherwise be quick to judge. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

*Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.'* (John 18:36)



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**Jesus stands trial before Pilate and challenges his assumptions concerning why he came and what his purpose in this world is.**



**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 weren't sure what you were hearing was the truth or lies. How did you discern the truth?
- Did Pilate believe Jesus was a king? Do you?
- For the little: How do you know when someone is telling the truth?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God speak truth to you. Amen.



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

Play the "Find the Fake" quiz on your own or with your family to see how good you are at recognizing false news stories and disinformation. <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/false-news-and-misinformation-advice-hub/find-the-fake>



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

Monday: *All God's Works Give Thanks*, Psalm 145:10-13

Tuesday: *Lord Speaks the Truth*, Isaiah 45:18-19

Wednesday: *Hate for the One Who Speaks Truth*, Amos 5:6-13

Thursday: *Jesus Prays for His Disciples*, John 17:1-19

Friday: *Jesus Prays for His Disciples*, John 17:20-26

Saturday: *The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus*, John 18:1-11



**March 22, 2026, Jesus Condemned**

**John 19:1-16a**

*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, in this season of Lent, we remember how you walked willingly into the arms of death on a cross. Help us to put our entire lives into your hands in complete surrender, trusting that you will carry us through whatever trials we face. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

*They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor. Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. (John 19:15-16)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**Jesus is condemned to die by Pilate at the insistence of the crowd, who will have no king but the emperor.**



**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 were in a crowd when tension started to build. What is it that makes certain behaviors unacceptable when alone or in small groups, but more acceptable in large crowds? Did you keep your head when the crowd started to turn, or did you follow the crowd?
- For the littles: How does it feel when someone lets you down?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God guide your thoughts and actions. Amen.



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

Attend a protest and stand up for something you believe in. Keep your head, even if the crowd begins to turn.



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

Monday: *Praise for God's Help*, Psalm 146

Tuesday: *Holy Lord*, Isaiah 6:1-5

Wednesday: *Spirit of Justice*, Isaiah 28:5-6

Thursday: *King of Righteousness*, Isaiah 32:1-6

Friday: *Suffering Servant*, Isaiah 42:1-4

Saturday: *Branch of David*, Jeremiah 23:5-6



March 29, 2026, The Crucified Messiah

John 19:16b-22

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



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

Eternal and holy God, you reign in our hearts and in all the earth, and creation gives testimony to your glory and power. Yet you are a ruler like none we have experienced, and gave all of yourself for the sake of the world. Teach us the kind of sacrificial love that can transform all things, for the sake of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.



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

*Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."* (John 19:21-22)



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus is crucified while those responsible argue with one another over the significance of his death, whether he was killed for being a king or for claiming to be one.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Who are treated as royalty in our world? What have they done to earn the title? What does it take for them to fall from grace? How can we shift our loyalties so we praise and emulate Jesus more than our celebrities?
- For the littles: What is a ruler like? How is Jesus like a ruler?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God guide you to walk in the ways of the king. Amen.



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

Take home a palm frond. Fold it into the shape of a cross. (Go here to learn how: <http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Palm-Frond-Cross>). Hang it in your house somewhere you will see it regularly. Think of Jesus every time you see it.



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

Monday: *Entrance Into the Temple*, Psalm 24

Tuesday: *Lord Is My Rock*, 2 Samuel 22:2-8

Wednesday: *God Delivers*, Isaiah 43:8-12

Thursday: *Jesus' Last Words*, John 19:23-30

Friday: *Jesus the Passover Lamb*, John 19:31-37

Saturday: *Passover Lamb*, John 19:38-42



April 2, 2026, Jesus' Last Words

John 19:23-30

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 grace and mercy, on this night, you gave us a new commandment—that we love one another as you have loved us. Help us to see the depth and breadth of this love, and strengthen us to carry even the small fraction of it we are able to carry into the suffering world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

*When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:30)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

While the soldiers divided Jesus' clothing, Jesus himself sought to unify people, even with his final breaths.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- How do you care for one another in your family? Who would care for your family if you weren't able to anymore?
- What emotions come up for you when you think about Jesus' last words and actions before his death?
- For the littles: Why do you think people take communion at church?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bring light to your darkness. Amen.



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

If you haven't already, consider making a will, paying special attention to who will care for your family after you are gone.



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

Friday: *Jesus the Passover Lamb*, John 19:31-37

Saturday: *Passover Lamb*, John 19:38-42



## April 3, 2026, Jesus the Passover Lamb

John 19:31-42

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



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

Passover Lamb, you loved creation so much that you willingly endured death that we might not taste its sting. Do not let your death leave us wallowing in grief, but instead let it stand as the ultimate example of the power of sacrificial love to transform the world, and inspire us by that power to love our neighbors as ourselves. In your holy name we pray. Amen.



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

*And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. (John 19:42)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

There were many who witnessed the fulfillment of the Jews' ancient prophecies in the death of Jesus. People from all walks of life were involved in honoring the man who had given so much to this world and would continue to do so even centuries later.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What is the greatest sacrifice you have made in service to other people? Are there ways you can or ought to give more? How much sacrifice is too much?
- For the littles: People get sad on Good Friday. They are sad that Jesus died. It's ok to be sad when sad things happen. Who can you talk to when you are sad?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bring hope in a time of hopelessness. Amen.



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

Be thoughtful today and tomorrow about something in your life you might give up in order to grow spiritually. Talk with a trusted advisor about your ideas and get feedback about how to go about making that kind of change.



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Saturday: *Passover Lamb*, John 19:38-42



April 5, 2026, Resurrection

John 20:1-18

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



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

Risen God, you call us by name, and the dawning truth of your resurrection breaks through the darkness of our grieving. Slow us down to savor this moment of unexpected wonder, that we might prepare our hearts to carry the good news to the world. In your holy name we pray. Amen.



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

*Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). (John 20:15-16)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

While the other disciples came, saw, and left, Mary remained to be still and grieve. It was into this stillness that the angels came, and then Jesus himself appeared.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What traditions will you celebrate today? What do they mean for you and your family and friends?
- How has Jesus shocked or surprised you? If you need a surprise or miracle, ask God for one. Be open to God's response.
- For the littles: What's the best thing about Easter?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May the God of resurrection bring you new life. Amen.



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

Carry your traditions throughout the entire week. If you eat deviled eggs on Easter, eat them all week long. If you hunt for Easter eggs, look for eggs all week. If you sit down to a family meal, have family meals all week.



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Monday: *Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples*, John 21:1-14

Tuesday: *Jesus and Peter*, John 21:15-19

Wednesday: *Jesus and the Beloved Disciple*, John 21:20-25

Thursday: *Ananias and Sapphira*, Acts 5:1-11

Friday: *The Apostles Heal Many*, Acts 5:12-16

Saturday: *The Apostles Are Persecuted*, Acts 5:17-42



April 12, 2026, Thomas

John 20:19-31

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



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

Risen God, you come into our midst and breathe on us your Holy Spirit. Empower us to believe at depth that you are with us, no matter how we experience you in our lives, and make us witnesses to one another of your very real presence among us. In your name we pray. Amen.



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

*Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:27-28)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Thomas was not with the other disciples when they witnessed the risen Jesus. But just a week later, he was blessed to see. Jesus' invitation was to all: proclaim what you have seen to whoever will listen.



**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 doubted something about your faith. Give yourself permission to doubt—doubt leads to wondering, which leads to an even deeper faith. What would you have done in Thomas' position?
- For the littles: Is it easier to believe in something you can see?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant you doubt and faith. Amen.



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

Take a long walk. (If you cannot take a long walk, find time to meditate.) Take with you a doubt or a challenge that has been haunting you. Work it over as you walk or meditate. Look at it from every angle. Consider all your options. Look at it from God's perspective. Ask God for guidance. See if you can come to greater clarity by the end of your walk or meditation.



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

Monday: *Seven Chosen to Serve*, Acts 6:1-7

Tuesday: *The Arrest of Stephen*, Acts 6:8-15

Wednesday: *Stephen's Speech to the Council*, Acts 7:1-22

Thursday: *Stephen's Speech to the Council*, Acts 7:23-43

Friday: *Stephen's Speech to the Council*, Acts 7:44-53

Saturday: *The Stoning of Stephen*, Acts 7:54-8:1



April 19, 2026, Paul's Conversion

Acts 9:1-19a

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 mystery, you come to us in obvious and subtle ways, calling us into your work of love and service to you and our neighbors near and far. Help us to recognize you in all those we encounter, that we might know you are near, guiding and equipping us for the work ahead. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

*He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. (Acts 9:4-5)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Saul, the vicious persecutor of Jesus' followers, is struck blind on the road to Damascus by Jesus himself, who tells Saul to wait for further instruction. God then sends Ananias, one of said followers, to confront his persecutor head on, and even worse, to accept that this man has been chosen by Jesus to spread the gospel!



**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 thought you were headed in one direction, and then life threw you a curveball, and you found yourself headed in an entirely different direction.
- What would you have done if you had been Ananias, called help a man known to arrest and kill Christians?
- For the littles: What scares you?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God give you courage to face scary things. Amen.



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

Write a love letter to a person or people you hate or fear the most. Consider how God feels about them.



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

Monday: *Saul Preaches in Damascus*, Acts 9:19b-22

Tuesday: *Saul Escapes from the Jews*, Acts 9:23-31

Wednesday: *Peter in Lydda and Joppa*, Acts 9:36-43

Thursday: *Peter and Cornelius*, Acts 10:1-16

Friday: *Peter and Cornelius*, Acts 10:17-23a

Saturday: *Peter and Cornelius*, Acts 10:23b-33



April 26, 2026, Paul and Silas

Acts 16:16-34

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 radical welcome, challenge us to hear your gospel in new and different ways, that our faith might be enriched and deepened as we struggle to find its meaning for us today. In the name of Jesus, who crossed boundaries and ministered to the marginalized, even to his own condemnation. Amen.



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

*The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." (Acts 16:29-31)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Paul and Silas were imprisoned for casting out a spirit of divination against the wishes of the spirit's owners. While there, they used the opportunity to convert the jailer.



**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 something you did had unexpected consequences. What would you do if you were locked up for doing something good and right?
- For the littles: Do you always do the right thing? It's ok. Nobody does.



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God work through you in unexpected ways. Amen.



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

Connect with a prison chaplain. Visit the prison with them the next time they go.



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

Monday: *Paul and Silas*, Acts 16:35-40

Tuesday: *The Council at Jerusalem*, Acts 15:1-11

Wednesday: *The Council at Jerusalem*, Acts 15:12-21

Thursday: *Timothy Joins Paul and Silas*, Acts 16:1-5

Friday: *Paul's Vision of the Man of Macedonia*, Acts 16:6-10

Saturday: *The Conversion of Lydia*, Acts 16:11-15



## May 3, 2026, Paul's Sermon at Athens

Acts 17:16-31

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 all, you are present in all places and in all peoples, and the gospel story is spoken in every language. Open our hearts and minds to traditions different than our own, that we might learn from them, grow toward you, and become one unified Body of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.



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

*The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.*  
(Acts 17:24-25)



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Paul learned about the religions of those in Athens before he engaged in debates at the Areopagus. He brought their perspective to the conversation as he introduced them to Creator God.



**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 stepped way outside your comfort zone. What did you learn?
- Where would you like to travel? What would you like to see there?
- For the littles: What's your favorite story?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God stretch you to learn and grow. Amen.



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

Reach out to a local faith community of a religion other than your own and ask how you can learn more about the beliefs and practices of that community. How does learning about other religions strengthen your commitment to your own?



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

Monday: *Paul in Corinth*, Acts 18:1-17

Tuesday: *Paul in Ephesus*, Acts 19:1-10

Wednesday: *Paul Arrested in the Temple*, Acts 21:27-36

Thursday: *Paul Defends Himself*, Acts 21:37-22:5

Friday: *The Plot to Kill Paul*, Acts 23:12-22

Saturday: *Paul Preaches in Rome*, Acts 28:23-30



## May 10, 2026, Partnership in the Gospel

### Philippians 1:1-18a

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 call us into partnership with you, through the Holy Spirit, in carrying the good news of Jesus' saving love to the ends of the earth. Make us bold to proclaim what you have done for us, and compassionate to all who suffer for your sake. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

*And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. (Philippians 1:9-11)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**Paul continued to write letters to the Christian communities he helped start, even when he was imprisoned.**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Who do you trust most in this world? Why?
- What would you do with all your time if you were locked in prison?
- For the littles: What does it mean to "make lemonade out of lemons?" Is that something you can do?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant you partners you can trust. Amen.



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

Write a poem that describes how you feel about God. Post it on your social media.



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

Monday: *Partnership in the Gospel*, Philippians 1:18b-30

Tuesday: *Timothy and Epaphroditus*, Philippians 2:14-30

Wednesday: *Breaking with the Past*, Philippians 3:1-11

Thursday: *Pressing toward the Goal*, Philippians 3:12-4:1

Friday: *Exhortations*, Philippians 4:2-9

Saturday: *Acknowledgment of the Philippians' Gift*, Philippians 4:10-23



May 17, 2026, The Christ Hymn

Philippians 2:1-13

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



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

Exalted God, you set aside your glory and became one of us; not just a human being, but one who chose to live a life of poverty on the margins of society, and who ultimately died by state violence. In so humbling yourself, you destroyed sin and death and utterly transformed all of creation. Keep us ever mindful of your incomprehensible act of love and mercy for the sake of us all. Amen.



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

*Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. (Philippians 2:3-4)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus was both humbled and exalted by God, a living testament to God's unfailing love.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What does humility look like to you? How are you humble? Why would the God who created everything, become human, humble, and empty?
- For the littles: What is your favorite song? Does it tell a good story?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless you in the development of humility. Amen.



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

Philippians 2:1-13 is a hymn that nails what it means to be Jesus. Search your playlist and find the song that nails what it means to be you. If your song is uplifting, play it loud, and dance! If your song is filled with struggle, rewrite it to reflect how you would like your life song to sound. Ask God to rewrite your life to match your rewritten life song.



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

Monday: *The Promise of the Holy Spirit*, Acts 1:1-5

Tuesday: *The Ascension of Jesus*, Acts 1:6-11

Wednesday: *Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas*, Acts 1:12-26

Thursday: *The First Converts*, Acts 2:37-42

Friday: *Life Among the Believers*, Acts 2:43-47

Saturday: *Peter Heals a Crippled Beggar*, Acts 3:1-10



May 24, 2026, Pentecost; Rejoice in the Lord

Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7

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



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

Holy Spirit, you alone are the source of all wisdom and understanding. By your guidance, open our minds to learn from our neighbors of every language and culture around the world, that in so doing we might find you everywhere we look, and treat all of creation with the same lovingkindness we would want to receive ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

*And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. (Acts 2:2-4)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

The Holy Spirit melded the languages of the people gathered as Christianity was birthed in that moment.



**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 something happened to you that changed you from the inside out. Was the change positive or negative? How has the change shaped who you are today? Where is God's spirit leading you today?
- For the littles: Where do you pray?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God fill you with the Holy Spirit. 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 your top 5 values. Google how to write them in 5 different languages. (You might try these—the New Testament was originally written in Greek; the Old Testament in Hebrew; and Jesus spoke Aramaic.) Hang your words somewhere you can be reminded every day of who you are and what you value.



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Monday: *Peter Speaks in Solomon's Portico*, Acts 3:11-16

Tuesday: *Peter Speaks in Solomon's Portico*, Acts 3:17-26

Wednesday: *Peter and John before the Council*, Acts 4:1-12

Thursday: *Peter and John before the Council*, Acts 4:13-22

Friday: *The Believers Pray for Boldness*, Acts 4:23-31

Saturday: *The Believers Share Their Possessions*, Acts 4:32-37