

Please bring this sheet home with you to use this week with your family!

Holy Cross at Home

A Daily Prayer and Meditation Guide

For the Week of the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 17, 2016 through July 23, 2016

The congregation gathers around the Word of God and the Sacraments each week, and this precious, spiritual food feeds the flock as they return to their callings in life. The purpose of this guide is to encourage family prayer at home, and to base that prayer on the Word of God that was heard in church. Not all of the following material needs to be followed. Please feel free to use what your family finds helpful in your devotional practice together.

Order of Daily Prayer

Invocation ✠

Apostles' Creed (see *LSB* p. 286)

Memory verse for the week: Matthew 6:33

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 15

Psalm Prayer: Lord Jesus, You first chose to live among us, and in returning to Your Father You made an eternal home for us. Help us walk blamelessly in Your ways and bring us at last to Your holy mountain, where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
July 17	1 Samuel 5	Acts 21:3-15
July 18	1 Samuel 6	Romans 11:1-12
July 23	1 Samuel 7	Romans 11:13-24
July 24	1 Samuel 8	Romans 11:25-36
July 25	1 Samuel 9	Romans 12:1-8
July 26	1 Samuel 10	Romans 12:9-21
July 27	1 Samuel 12	Romans 13:1-7
July 28	1 Samuel 13	Acts 22:30—23:11

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 589 "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"

Catechism for the Week: The Lord's Prayer (see *LSB* p. 323)
The Introduction

Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:

Grant us, O Lord, the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for answer to prayer:

Almighty God, You have promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in Your Son's name. Mercifully incline Your ears to us who have now made our prayers and supplications to you, and grant that those things that we have faithfully asked according to Your will we may receive to meet our need and bring glory to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For all who are traveling or moving during the summer
For those who work to repair or build our highways
For our Synod leaders and delegates who have returned from the convention
For the mission work of Pastors Dan Johnson (Russia), Dan Jastram (E. Asia)

For Jeffery Senne, Mauri Catalfano, Debbie Holquin, Chris Richards, Don Mulford, Dorothy Hafenstein, Marie Schroeder, Julie Kennedy, Chris Domsch, Joan Neill, Jacqueline Landes, Marjorie Dougan

Lord's Prayer ✠

Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer or Prayers at the Family Table

V: Let us bless the Lord!

R: Thanks be to God!

Blessing: The Lord Almighty bless us and direct our days and our deeds in ✠ His peace. Amen.

Looking Forward to Next Week:

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2016

Hymns: 779; 766; 524; 538; 771; 668

Readings: Psalm 138; Genesis 18:17-33; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13

Jesus had the privilege to call upon God as His Father. When He came to save our human race, He also bestowed on all who receive Him in faith the privilege to trust in His Word and join Him in prayer. We are together in Christ and therefore call God "Our Father" when we pray. Even when we are alone, we still say, "Our Father" because our Lord has called us as one body that He keeps in perfect unity with Him, thanks to the forgiveness that He won for us on the cross.