

DAILY DEVOTIONS

FOR MAY 18-24, 2025

WEEKLY BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 51:1

¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

*Hymn of the Week: 611 CHIEF OF SINNERS
THOUGH I BE*

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.
- 2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,

Lasting as eternity!

Love that found me—wondrous thought!

Found me when I sought Him not.

3 Only Jesus can impart
 Balm to heal the wounded heart,
 Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
 Faith and hope to walk with God
 In the way that Enoch trod.

4 Chief of sinners though I be,
 Christ is all in all to me;
 All my wants to Him are known,
 All my sorrows are His own.
 He sustains the hidden life
 Safe with Him from earthly strife.

5 O my Savior, help afford
 By Your Spirit and Your Word!
 When my wayward heart would stray,
 Keep me in the narrow way;

Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

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WEEKLY CATECHISM: What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

We pray for others and for ourselves:

T God grant peace and joy in the promise of our resurrection to all who mourn, especially the families and friends of Barbara Needham and Carol Meyer.

T We pray for all those facing health problems: Jane S (recovering from a fall), Darlene F, Jerry Babb, Jerry and Claudia Bullock, Joan C, Jan's business colleague Brian (hearing), Jan's friend Helen and her sister Margaret, Eric, Marilyn L's sister Cathy and husband Jerry – ongoing health concerns, Arlee's neighbor Morey – neurological disease.

T For all with cancer: Colleen's niece Karen, Jerry Babb's brother-in-law Ron, Karl, Rick (Jan's colleague), Jim M'

neighbor John and his brother in law Dean (stage 1), Dick's friend Jim, Don & Sandi's friend Jan Carr, Pat, Mary S., Thelma (resident at Stone Bay where Jerry Bullock is), 7-year old son of friends of Jan.

T For Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Minnetonka that God will soon provide a pastor for them.

T That we would increase in our knowledge and appreciation of God's Word, and that the Holy Spirit would give us increasing confidence that He will fulfill all His promises.

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