

+ DAILY DEVOTIONS NOV 24-30, 2024 +

(Here is a devotion guide for every day of the week and for use with family/friends on Thanksgiving Day)

Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day
We bow our hearts to You and pray.
We give You thanks for all You've done
Especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son.
For beauty in nature, Your glory we see
For joy and health, friends and family,
For daily provision, Your mercy, and care
These are the blessings You graciously share.
So today we offer this response of praise
With a promise to follow You all of our days.
— *Mary Fairchild*

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE

Isaiah 42:8

⁸I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.

*WEEKLY CATECHISM: THE CLOSE OF THE
COMMANDMENTS*

What does God say about all these commandments?

He says: “I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.” (Exodus 20:5–6)

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

WEEKLY HYMN: #579 THE LAW OF GOD IS GOOD AND WISE

- 1 The Law of God is good and wise
And sets His will before our eyes,
Shows us the way of righteousness,
And dooms to death when we transgress.

- 2 Its light of holiness imparts
The knowledge of our sinful hearts
That we may see our lost estate
And turn from sin before too late.

3 To those who help in Christ have found
And would in works of love abound
It shows what deeds are His delight
And should be done as good and right.

4 But those who scornfully disdain
God's Law shall then in sin remain;
Its terror in their ear resounds
And keeps their wickedness in bounds.

5 The Law is good; but since the fall
Its holiness condemns us all;
It dooms us for our sin to die
And has no pow'r to justify.

6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,
Who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at His throne,
Saved by His grace through faith alone.

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PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

✠ We pray for all those facing health problems: Darlene F, Gloria B, Harriet, Kathy, Paris, Crystal, Hawk's friend Todd, Jerry Bullock, Joan C, Jan's business colleague Brian (hearing), Jan's friend Joe, Jan's friend Helen and her sister Margaret, Zoey.

✠ For all with cancer: Colleen's niece Karen, Jerry B, Jerry's

brother-in-law Ron, Harriet's brother Jerry, Karl, Linda V., Jim M' neighbor John, Dick's friend Jim

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GENERAL THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen. - *Book of Common Prayer, 1979*

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