

DAILY DEVOTIONS Feb. 23 – March 1st, 2025

If you live alone, think of someone you could invite to join you, either in person or on the phone, for a few minutes reading God's Word and praying together. Resources for Daily Devotions are found on pages 294-330 in the hymnal. (You may borrow a hymnal from the church or ask about ordering hymnal(s) for yourself and others.) We also have free copies of Portals of Prayer with devotions for every day. Every person is encouraged to learn, pray, and yes, *memorize* a hymn, a Bible verse, and a selection from the Catechism each week. Pastor Mike would be glad to visit you to help you begin or improve your practice of Daily Devotions.

Hymn of the week: 651 I LOVE YOUR KINGDOM, LORD

- 1 I love Your kingdom, Lord,
The place of Your abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.

- 2 Beyond my highest joy
I prize its heav'nly ways,
Its sweet communion, solemn vows,
Its hymns of love and praise.

- 3 I love Your Church, O God,
Your saints in ev'ry land,

Dear as the apple of Your eye
And graven on Your hand.

4 For them my tears shall fall;
For them my prayers ascend;
For them my cares and toils be giv'n
Till toils and cares shall end.

5 Sure as Your truth shall last,
To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield
And brighter bliss of heav'n.

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Weekly Bible Memory Verse:

Mark 1:14–15

¹⁴Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

***Weekly Catechism: The Lord's Prayer - THE
SECOND PETITION***

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean?

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come?

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

We pray for others and for ourselves

T We pray for all those facing health problems: Claudia's friend Ruth (knee surgery), Kathy, Shirley K, Darlene F, Crystal, Jerry Babb, Hawk's friends Todd and his wife, Nancy, Sherry, Jerry Bullock, Joan C, Jan's business colleague Brian (hearing), Jan's friend Helen and her sister Margaret, Eric, Carol Meyer

T Praise that Claudia was with us at church 2/16.

T Joshua, missionary work in Chile for 2 months

T For all with cancer: Colleen's niece Karen, Jerry Babb's brother-in-law Ron, Karl, Jim M' neighbor John and his brother in law Dean (stage 1), Dick's friend Jim

T Pray that each of us would find ways to share the love and truth of Jesus Christ in our daily relationships.

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