

# DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR MARCH 30 – APRIL 5, 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.

*Weekly Bible Memory Verse*

Mark 14:38

Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation.  
The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

*Weekly Hymn: #424 O Christ, You Walked the Road*

1 O Christ, You walked the road

Our wand'ring feet must go.

You faced with us temptation's pow'r

And fought our ancient foe.

2 No bread of earth alone  
Can fill our hung'ring hearts.  
Lord, help us seek Your living Word,  
The food Your grace imparts.

3 No blinding sign we ask,  
No wonder from above.  
Lord, help us place our trust alone  
In Your unswerving love.

4 When lures of easy gain  
With promise brightly shine,  
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first;  
Our wills with Yours align.

5 O Christ, You walked the road  
Our wand'ring feet must go.  
Stay with us through temptation's hour  
To fight our ancient foe.

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## *Weekly Catechism: The Lord's Prayer – The Sixth Petition*

And lead us not into temptation.

### *What does this mean?*

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

### ***We pray for others and for ourselves***

✠ We pray for all those facing health problems: Darlene F, 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, Ken (Dick B's son – long covid), Marilyn L's sister Cathy and husband Jerry – covid.

✠ Praise for a new grand-nephew, Judah, for Jan & Tim.

- ✝ Praise that Don K is feeling better
- ✝ God's peace and comfort for Fr. Tony whose mom died, and for Linda, Jan's neighbor, whose husband died.
- ✝ 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, Don & Sandi's friend Jan Carr, Pat
- ✝ For Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Minnetonka that God will soon provide a pastor for them.
- ✝ For the Holy Spirit to lead us daily to words and actions that witness of the truth and love of Jesus

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