

T DAILY DEVOTIONS OCT. 20-26, 2024 T

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

(A candle may be lighted.)

Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Joyous light of glory:

of the immortal Father;

heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.

**We have come to the setting of the sun,
and we look to the evening light.**

**We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
You are worthy of being praised with pure voices
forever.**

**O Son of God, O Giver of life: the universe
proclaims Your glory.**

Hymn of the Week: 858 O FATHER, ALL CREATING

1 O Father, all creating,
Whose wisdom, love, and pow'r
First bound two lives together
In Eden's primal hour,
Today to these Your children
Your earliest gifts renew:
A home by You made happy,
A love by You kept true.

- 2 With good wine, Lord, at Cana
The wedding feast You blessed.
Grant also these Your presence,
And be their dearest guest.
Their store of earthly gladness
Transform to heav'nly wine,
And teach them, in the testing,
To know the gift divine.
- 3 O Spirit of the Father,
Breathe on them from above,
So searching in Your pureness,
So tender in Your love
That, guarded by Your presence
And kept from strife and sin,
Their hearts may heed Your guidance
And know You dwell within.
- 4 Unless You build it, Father,
The house is built in vain;
Unless You, Savior, bless it,
The joy will turn to pain.
But nothing breaks the union
Of hearts in You made one;
The love Your Spirit hallows
Is endless love begun.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE

Matthew 19:4–6

⁴He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh’? ⁶So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

WEEKLY CATECHISM: THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

OTHER SCRIPTURE READING AND PORTALS OF PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

(Prayers for others and ourselves)

T We pray for all those facing health problems: Darlene F, Gloria B, Hawk’s friend Todd, Jerry Bullock, Joan C, Jan’s business colleague Brian (continued improvement from ear surgery), Jan’s friend Joe, Jan’s

friend Helen and her sister Margaret, Zoey.

T For all with cancer: Colleen's niece Karen, Jerry B, Jerry's brother-in-law Ron, Harriet's brother Jerry, Karl, Linda V.

(Concluding prayer:)

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for the evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our constant companion on the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope among us, that we may recognize You as You are revealed in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread. Grant this for Your name's sake.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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