

## + DAILY DEVOTIONS DEC. 1-7, 2024 +

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.**

**744 AMAZING GRACE**

sts. 1–5

1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found,

Was blind but now I see!

2 The Lord has promised good to me,

His Word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far,  
His grace will lead me home.

4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail  
In heaven's joy and peace.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

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*Bible Verse for the week*

Romans 6:23

<sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of  
God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## *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.

## *LORD’S PRAYER*

### *PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS*

T 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.

T 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

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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