

Friday, 7/14

Come to the prayer meeting *this morning at 6:30.*

**Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.** Paul boasts in his weakness for in it Christ's strength is proclaimed. When we are unable to carry on, when we can not succeed, then the world sees Christ in us. He tells us that there is but one reason for his strength in trials, for the sake of Christ. As we put it as we end the Lord's Prayer, why we pray the entire prayer (not just the first half) is "for yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever."

**Pray** , "Our Father in heaven, may your name be honored. May your kingdom come soon. May your will be done here on earth, just as it is in heaven. Give us our food for today. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen"

Saturday, 7/15

**Read** tomorrow's sermon passage **John 16:25-33** and meditate on Christ conquering the world. What confidence does that give us in our own prayer life?

25 "Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. 26 In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. 27 No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. 28 I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father." 29 Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. 30 Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God."

31 "You believe at last!" Jesus answered. 32 "But a time is coming, and has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.

33" I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

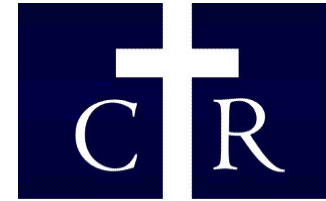
**Prepare** today for the gathered worship service tomorrow.

**Seek** out God and ask him to give us His perspective on the world around us.

**Pray** for your neighbors, co-workers, and family members who are still strangers to Christ that they will be overcome by His grace.

# Taking Gathered Worship Home

## Family and Individual Devotions



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**L**ead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. After we have confessed our sin and acknowledged his grace in forgiving us, we come seeking his aid as we face the trials and temptations of life. Jesus warns us to expect trials and temptations but also provides the strength we need to face them. The wonder of the Gospel is revealed in our prayer as we pray what he told Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

*Please use the devotional material below each day this week to meet with Jesus. Please pray that we as a community of faith will learn His ways and walk in them to accomplish His purposes.*

### **What do we pray for in the sixth petition?**

In the sixth petition (which is, And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil) we pray, that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

— Westminster Shorter Catechism

### **What is the sixth petition?**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. That is: In ourselves we are so weak that we cannot stand even for a moment. Moreover, our sworn enemies— the devil, the world, and our own flesh— do not cease to attack us. Will you, therefore, uphold and strengthen us by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that in this spiritual war we may not go down to defeat, but always firmly resist our enemies, until we finally obtain the complete victory.

— Heidelberg Catechism

# Taking Gathered Worship Home—Family and Individual Devotions

Sunday, 7/9

Read today's passage: **Matthew 6:5-15**. The wonder of it is that because his is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever we can acknowledge our weakness and our need for his strength.

Rejoice that in response to our weakness, we have his strength through

1. How firm a foundation,  
ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith  
in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say  
than to you He hath said,  
You, who unto Jesus  
for refuge have fled?
2. In every condition,  
in sickness, in health;  
In poverty's vale,  
or abounding in wealth;  
At home and abroad,  
on the land, on the sea,  
As thy days may demand,  
shall My strength ever be.
3. Fear not, I am with thee,  
O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God  
and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help  
thee,  
and cause thee to stand  
Upheld by my righteous,  
omnipotent hand.
4. When through the deep  
waters  
I call thee to go,  
The rivers of grief  
shall not thee overflow  
For I will be with thee,  
thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee  
thy deepest distress.
5. When through fiery trials  
thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient,  
shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee;  
I only design  
Thy dross to consume,  
and thy gold to refine.
6. The soul that on Jesus  
hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not  
desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell  
should endeavor to break,  
I'll never, no never,  
no never forsake.

singing and praying the hymn, "How Firm A Foundation".

Praise your Father in heaven that we can come to him in our weakness and

Monday, 7/10

receive his strength. Praise him that all this is for his kingdom, his power, and his glory.

Read **James 1:12-15**. How do you respond to your weakness? Do you blame God for tempting you? Or do you acknowledge your weakness before him and seek his strength?

Reflect on your weakness. Do you see your inability to earn salvation? Do you see your need for God's care for you, Christ's death for you, and the Spirit's power in you to make it through life? Do you boast in your weakness or in your strength?

Confess to God your failure to acknowledge your need for him. Declare to him your weakness, your inability to make it through life without him, Father,

Son, and Holy Spirit.

Tuesday, 7/11

Read **2 Corinthians 11:16-32**. Paul bests the Corinthians in boasting in his trials and temptations for the sake of the Gospel. And yet he continually tells them it means nothing. All that we can boast in is what shows our weakness (v.30).

Pray the Lord's Prayer:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,"

*Ask God to use you in making His name hallowed (worshipped and glorified) among your family and friends.*

"Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

*Praise God for beginning His kingdom on earth. Ask Him to extend it today.*

"Give us today our daily bread."

*Thank God for all His provision for you. Ask Him for the things you need.*

"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

*Ask God to make us so aware of how much He has forgiven us that we would be forgiving also.*

Wednesday, 7/12

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

*Praise Christ for delivering us from sin and death and ask Him to continue to rescue us daily.*

Read **Hebrews 4:14-16**. As we struggle with trials and temptations, we come to God with confidence that he will give all we need. Why? Because Jesus, who was tempted as a human just as we are, is with him pleading for us. We come to God as our Father and he promises to hear and respond.

Glory in the promise of God that allows us to come before him in our trials and temptations and receive grace and mercy in our time of need. Delight in Christ, that he was tempted and yet remained without sin. Exult in the gift of the Spirit that dwells within us so that in our weakness his strength may be shown forth.

Thursday, 7/13

Read **Daniel 3** Notice the response of the three men to the king, "Our God can deliver us, but if not we will not worship your gods." We need to respond the same way, knowing that God can deliver us but if he does not that we will still serve him and his grace is sufficient.

Treat God as God today. Know that he is able to respond to any trial or temptation that you face and yet do not demand he provide you with miracles.