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# Reading and Praying Together Lakeside Covenant PCA August 2023

# Aug 7, 2023

#### <u>Prepare</u>

No human mind could conceive or invent the gospel...

Blessed be you, O Father, for contriving this way,
eternal thanks to you, O Lamb of God, for opening this way,
praise everlasting to you, O Holy Spirit, for applying this way
to my heart.

Glorious Trinity, impress the gospel on my soul, until its virtue diffuses every faculty;

Let it be heard, acknowledged, professed, and felt.

- A selection from a prayer from The Valley of Vision

#### **Memorize**

**John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

#### <u>Read</u>

## Westminster Shorter Catechism Q61 -

Q: What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?
A: The fourth commandment forbids the omission or careless performance of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works, about our worldly employments or recreations.

- Nehemiah 3
- John 17

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## Aug 8, 2023

#### **Prepare**

Lord, help us to leave behind our worries about what everyone around us thinks of us—whether it is about their insults... or their honors.

Instead, let us be diligent about one thing only: that we harbor no evil thing, nothing that displeases you, nor insult even ourselves.

- A selection from a prayer of John Chrysostom

## **Memorize**

**John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

#### <u>Read</u>

## Westminster Shorter Catechism Q62 -

Q: What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment?

A. The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are, God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, His challenging a special propriety in the seventh, His own example, and His blessing the Sabbath day.

- Nehemiah 4
- John 18

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# Aug 9, 2023

## **Prepare**

It is you, blessed Jesus, who have delivered me from the wrath to come. It is you who have quickened me by your Holy Spirit to a new and spiritual life. It is you who have sent your servants to call me to yourself, and have betrothed me to yourself forever.

Is there anyone who would still ask me, "Will you follow this man?"

My whole soul would outrun the question, and, like the apostle, I would answer, "To whom else will I go?"

- Selection from a prayer of Robert Hawker

#### **Memorize**

**John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

### **Read**

## Westminster Shorter Catechism Q63 -

Q: Which is the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment is, "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you."

- Nehemiah 5
- John 19

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**Rest in Christ** ("Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a)

Aug 10, 2023

#### <u>Prepare</u>

But see, Lord, we are your little flock. Take ownership of us as your own. Stretch your wings over us, and let us fly beneath them. Be our glory, let us be loved for you, and let us fear your word in us.

Amen.

- Selection from a prayer of Augustine of Hippo

#### **Memorize**

**John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

#### Read

#### Westminster Shorter Catechism Q64 -

Q: What is required in the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment requires the preserving the honor and performing the duties belonging to everyone in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors, or equals.

- Nehemiah 6
- John 20

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## Aug 11, 2023

### **Prepare**

Lord, make your face shine on us in peace and for our good, that we may be sheltered by your mighty hand and delivered from every sin by your uplifted arm.

Deliver us from those who hate us wrongfully.

Grant us peace, and peace to all those around us, as you did in the past when your people called on you in faith and truth, living holy lives.

- Selection from a prayer of Clement of Rome

## **Memorize**

**John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

#### Read

## Westminster Shorter Catechism Q65 -

Q: What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment forbids the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honor and duty which belongs to everyone in their several places and relations.

- Nehemiah 7
- John 21

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<u>**Rest in Christ**</u> ("Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a)

## Aug 12, 2023

#### **Prepare**

You, O Lord, have freed us from the fear of death. You have made the end of this life the beginning to us of true life.

For a season, you rest our bodies in sleep, and awaken them again at the last trumpet call. You give our earth, which you fashioned with your hands, to the earth to keep in safety.

- Selection from a prayer of Gregory of Nyssa

### <u>Memorize</u>

**John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

#### <u>Read</u>

## Westminster Shorter Catechism Q66 -

Q: What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment? A. The reason annexed to the fifth commandment is a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good) to all who keep this commandment.

## **God's Word**

• Psalm 85

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## Aug 13, 2023

#### <u>Prepare</u>

I will rejoice, Lord, singing of your mercy and compassion. You have given me this joy of heart. I gladly give you my thanks.

I have known the power of your love. For my sake you became a perfect man.

I have known the indescribable greatness of your love and care for us. From the depths of your care, you came to deliver us.

Selection from a prayer of Methodias of Olympia

#### **Memorize**

**John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

#### Read

 Reread a passage of Scripture that you found especially helpful or interesting from this past week.

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## Aug 14, 2023

#### **Prepare**

We give thanks to you, Father, for your holy name which you made to dwell in our hearts. Thank you for the knowledge, faith, and immortality which you made known to us through Jesus your Son. To you be glory forever.

You, Lord Almighty, created all things for your name's sake, and gave people food and drink for their enjoyment, that they might give thanks to you. And you have blessed us with spiritual food and drink and eternal light through your Son.

- Selection from a prayer in The Didache

## **Memorize**

**II Timothy 2:1-2** You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

#### **Read**

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q67 -

Q: Which is the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment is, "You shall not murder."

## **God's Glory**

- Nehemiah 8
- 1John 1

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## Aug 15, 2023

#### **Prepare**

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

- A prayer of Aaron from Numbers 6

## <u>Memorize</u>

**II Timothy 2:1-2** You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

#### Read

## Westminster Shorter Catechism Q68 -

Q: What is required in the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment requires all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life and the life of others.

- Nehemiah 9
- 1John 2

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# Aug 16, 2023

## **Prepare**

O Holy Spirit, as the sun is full of light, the ocean full of water, heaven full of glory, so may my heart be full of you...
Give me yourself without measure, as an unimpaired fountain, as inexhaustible riches...

Magnify to me your glory by being magnified in me, and make me redolent of your fragrance.

 Selection from "Spiritus Sanctus" a prayer from The Valley of Vision

### **Memorize**

**II Timothy 2:1-2** You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

#### Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q69 -

Q: What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment forbids the taking away of our own life or the life of our neighbor unjustly, or whatsoever tends thereunto.

- Nehemiah 10
- 1John 3

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## Aug 17, 2023

#### **Prepare**

Lord, let us stretch our mind toward heaven—and let us be held fast by that desire. Let us clothe ourselves with spiritual fire, and let us be equipped with its flame...

No one can tolerate the flame. It cannot be endured; it consumes all.

So let us clothe ourselves with this fire, Lord. Let us offer up glory to our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be glory, might, and honor with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever, world without end, amen. Thanks be to God.

- Selection from a prayer of John Chrysostom

#### **Memorize**

**II Timothy 2:1-2** You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

#### Read

## Westminster Shorter Catechism Q70 -

Q: Which is the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment is, "You shall not commit adultery."

- Nehemiah 11
- 1John 4

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## Aug 18, 2023

#### <u>Prepare</u>

Who can discern his errors?

Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;

let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless,

and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable in your sight,

O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

- Selection from a prayer of David from Psalm 19

## **Memorize**

**II Timothy 2:1-2** You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

#### **Read**

## Westminster Shorter Catechism Q71 -

Q: What is required in the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment requires the preservation of our own and our neighbor's chastity, in heart, speech, and behavior.

- Nehemiah 12
- 1John 5

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Aug 19, 2023

#### **Prepare**

God of compassion, I stretch out my hand upon your people and pray that the hand of truth may be stretched out and blessing given them on account of your lovingkindness. May a hand of devotion, power, sound discipline, cleanness, and all holiness bless this people. Would you continually preserve them and help them grow through your only begotten Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit, both now and to all the ages of the ages, amen.

- A prayer of Serapion Scholasticus

## **Memorize**

**II Timothy 2:1-2** You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

#### Read

## Westminster Shorter Catechism Q72 -

Q: What is forbidden in the seventh commandment? A. The seventh commandment forbids all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions.

## **God's Word**

• Psalm 86

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## Aug 20, 2023

#### <u>Prepare</u>

You have shattered my bonds, and I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving. I will explain to everyone just how you broke those bonds. And when they hear, they will say:

"Blessed be the Lord, in heaven and on earth. His name is wonderful!"

Stir us up, Lord. Kindle us and draw us close. Inflame us and grow sweet to us. Let us love, and let us run.

Selection from a prayer of Augustine

## **Memorize**

**II Timothy 2:1-2** You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

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#### God's Word

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## Aug 21, 2023

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And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

- Prayer of Jesus from Luke 23

#### **Memorize**

**Romans 12:4-5** For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

### **Read**

## Westminster Shorter Catechism Q73 -

Q: Which is the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment is, "You shall not steal."

- Nehemiah 13
- 2 John

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the reading point you to Jesus?)	
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## Aug 22, 2023

#### **Prepare**

O blessed poverty, who bestows eternal riches on those who love and embrace her!

O holy poverty, to those who possess and desire you God promises the kingdom of heaven and offers, indeed, eternal glory and blessed life!

O God-centered poverty, whom the Lord Jesus Christ who rule and now rules heaven and earth, who spoke and things were made, condescended to embrace before all else!

- A prayer of Francis of Assissi

## **Memorize**

**Romans 12:4-5** For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

#### Read

## Westminster Shorter Catechism Q74 -

Q: What is required in the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment requires the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

- Esther 1
- 3 John

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## Aug 23, 2023

#### **Prepare**

I am reduced to a horrible condition. I have sinned, and what can I say to you, God?

I was a fool to amuse myself with petty excuses, and to imagine they would carry any weight in your presence.

Now I am silent. My hopes are dead. I am almost ready to wish that my immortal soul could die, too...

Speak to me, God! I know it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. And in one sense I have already fallen into your hands. So whatever your sentence is, I must condemn myself and justify you. Amen.

- Selection from a prayer of Philip Doddridge

## **Memorize**

**Romans 12:4-5** For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

#### <u>Read</u>

## Westminster Shorter Catechism Q75 -

Q: What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment forbids whatsoever does or may unjustly hinder our own or our neighbor's wealth or outward estate.

- Esther 2
- Revelation 1

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<u>**Rest in Christ**</u> ("Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a)

Aug 24, 2023

## **Prepare**

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

- A prayer of Jude from Jude 24-25

## **Memorize**

**Romans 12:4-5** For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

#### <u>Read</u>

## Westminster Shorter Catechism Q76 -

Q: Which is the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment is, "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

- Esther 3
- Revelation 2

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<u>**Rest in Christ**</u> ("Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a)

## Aug 25, 2023

### **Prepare**

Almighty Father, it is your special mercy to give your Son, and with him all things, to the highly favored objects of your everlasting love.

From all eternity, you planned, ordered, willed, appointed, and prepared the great salvation of the gospel. You chose Christ as the head, and the church as the body of this amazing work of redemption

- Selection from a prayer of Robert Hawker

## **Memorize**

**Romans 12:4-5** For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

#### **Read**

## Westminster Shorter Catechism Q77 -

Q: What is required in the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment requires the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor's good name, especially in witness bearing.

- Esther 4
- Revelation 3

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# Aug 26, 2023

#### **Prepare**

Return, O Lord! How long? Let your kingdom come! Your desolate bride says come, for your Spirit within her says come—the one who teaches her to pray with groanings which cannot be expressed.

The whole creation says come, waiting to be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

And you yourself have said, surely I come. Amen, even, so come, Lord Jesus.

- Selection from a prayer of Richard Baxter

#### **Memorize**

**Romans 12:4-5** For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

#### <u>Read</u>

## Westminster Shorter Catechism Q78 -

Q: What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment forbids whatsoever is prejudicial to truth or injurious to our own or our neighbor's good name.

#### God's Word

Psalm 87

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# Aug 27, 2023

## **Prepare**

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

A prayer of John from Revelation 22

## **Memorize**

**Romans 12:4-5** For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

#### **Read**

#### God's Word

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Aug 28, 2023

## **Prepare**

Lord, let us pattern our lives only on those things that are worthy of being imitated. Not gorgeous buildings or expensive estates, but on those people who have confidence in you.

- A selection from a prayer of John Chrysostom

## **Memorize**

**Romans 12:6-8** Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

#### <u>Read</u>

## Westminster Shorter Catechism Q79 -

Q: Which is the tenth commandment?

A. The tenth commandment is, "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

- Esther 5
- Revelation 4

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Aug 29, 2023

#### **Prepare**

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, because I love you.

O Most High, you will not forsake me, for you are my hope.
Freely I have received your grace, and I will live by it.

For my hope is in the Lord, and I will not fear. Because you are my salvation, I will not fear. You are a garland on my head and I will not be moved. Even if everything should be shaken, I stand firm.

- A selection from a prayer from the Odes of Solomon

## **Memorize**

**Romans 12:6-8** Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

#### **Read**

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q80 -

Q: What is required in the tenth commandment?

A. The tenth commandment requires full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his.

## **God's Word**

- Esther 6
- Revelation 5

$\underline{\textbf{Meditate}}$ (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does
the reading point you to Jesus?)
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<u>Pray</u>
Adoration -
Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -
<b>Rest in Christ</b> ("Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm
46:10a)

# Aug 30, 2023

#### **Prepare**

Lord, let the light and the truth speak to me—not my own darkness.

I fell off into that, and became darkened. But even from that time, even from that time, I loved you.

Speak to me; speak with me. I have believed your word, and its words are full of mystery.

Amen.

- A selection from a prayer of Augustine

## **Memorize**

**Romans 12:6-8** Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

#### <u>Read</u>

## Westminster Shorter Catechism Q81 -

Q: What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?

A. The tenth commandment forbids all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.

- Esther 7
- Revelation 6

<b>Meditate</b> (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does
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<u><b>Rest in Christ</b></u> ("Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm
46:10a)

## Aug 31, 2023

#### <u>Prepare</u>

Jabez called upon the God of Israel, saying, "Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from harm so that it might not bring me pain!" And God granted what he asked.

A prayer of Jabez from I Chronicles 4

#### **Memorize**

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### <u>Read</u>

## Westminster Shorter Catechism Q82 -

Q: Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?

A. No mere man, since the fall, is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but does daily break them in thought, word, and deed.

- Esther 8
- Revelation 7

<b>Meditate</b> (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does
the reading point you to Jesus?)
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## Sep 1, 2023

#### <u>Prepare</u>

Lord, may you answer our united prayers with peace. Pour out your Spirit on our families, and your blessing on our children, that they may grow up before you as willow trees by the river, that they may be a comfort to their parents, a support to the church, and a name and a praise to you.

Amen.

- A prayer of Philip Doddridge

### **Memorize**

**Romans 12:6-8** Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

#### **Read**

## **Westminster Shorter Catechism Q83 -**

Q: Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?

A. Some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.

- Esther 9
- Revelation 8

<b>Meditate</b> (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does
the reading point you to Jesus?)
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<u>**Rest in Christ**</u> ("Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a)

# Sep 2, 2023

#### <u>Prepare</u>

Lord God Almighty, I know that I owe you the devotion of all my thoughts and words. This is my chief duty in life...

So grant us precision of language, soundness of argument, grace of style, and loyalty to truth. Enable us to silence the rebellious arguments of heretics, and to say the things we believe, as the prophets and apostles have taught us. And let us confess you, one God our Father, and one Lord Jesus Christ.

- A selection from a prayer of Hilary of Poitiers

## **Memorize**

**Romans 12:6-8** Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

#### **Read**

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q84 -

Q: What does every sin deserve?

A. Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life and that which is to come.

#### **God's Word**

• Psalm 88

<b>Meditate</b> (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does
the reading point you to Jesus?)
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<u>Pray</u>
Adoration -
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Confession -
Thanksgiving -
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<u>**Rest in Christ**</u> ("Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a)

## Sep 3, 2023

## <u>Prepare</u>

Creator of heaven and earth, you who have crowned the heavens through the choir of stars, you have honored the earth with its fruits for our benefit. You have freely given to your creation.

We pray now that you would grant us the rain we need.
Cause the ground to bear fruit and to produce abundance,
on account of your lovingkindness and goodness.
And remember those who call on you. Honor your church
and hear our prayers. Bless all the earth through your only
begotten Jesus Christ, through whom to you is the glory

and the strength in the Holy Spirit, both now and to all the

ages of the ages, amen.

A prayer of Serapion Scholasticus

## **Memorize**

**Romans 12:6-8** Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

## **Read**

## **God's Word**

• Reread a passage of Scripture that you found especially helpful or interesting from this past week.

<b>Meditate</b> (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does
the reading point you to Jesus?)
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