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Reading and Praying Together

Lakeside Covenant PCA

October 2023

Oct 2, 2023

Prepare

Creator of all, preserve unbroken those you have called through your Son, Jesus Christ. He has called us from darkness to light, from ignorance to knowing the glory of his name.

Lord, our hope rests on your name, the creator of every living creature. You have opened the eyes of our heart to know you.

You behold the depths, and are eyewitnesses to everything we have done. You are the savior of those in despair. You help those in danger.

- A selection from a prayer of Clement of Rome

Memorize

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q1 -

Q: What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.

God's Word

- Job 20
- Mark 7

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Supplication -

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

Oct 3, 2023

Prepare

Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge!
How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and
his ways!

For who can know the Lord's thoughts?

Who knows enough to give him advice?

And who has given him so much that he needs to pay it
back?

For everything comes from him and exists by his power and
is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen.

- A prayer of Paul the Apostle (Romans 11:33-36)

Memorize

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q2 -

Q: What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy Him?

A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy Him.

God's Word

- Job 21
- Mark 8

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Oct 4, 2023

Prepare

○ grant that, being conscious of Your power, we may reverently fear Your hand and be wholly devoted to Your glory.

And as You kindly offered Yourself to us as a father, may we be drawn by this kindness and surrender ourselves wholly to You by a willing obedience, and never labor for anything through life but to glorify Your name, as You have redeemed us through Your only begotten Son, that we may also enjoy through Him that eternal inheritance that is laid up for us in heaven. Amen.

- Selection from a prayer of John Calvin

Memorize

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q3 -

Q: What do the Scriptures principally teach?

A. The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

God's Word

- Job 22
- Mark 9

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Oct 5, 2023

Prepare

Lord, when you asked Mary in her sorrow, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?” our souls reply with her, “We seek Jesus alone.”...

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.

- Selection from a prayer of Robert Hawker

Memorize

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q4 -

Q: What is God?

A. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

God's Word

- Job 23
- Mark 10

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Oct 6, 2023

Prepare

I am always going into the far country, and always returning home as a prodigal, always saying, Father, forgive me, and you are always bringing out the best robe.

Every morning let me wear it, every evening return in it, go out to the day's work in it, be married in it, be wound in death in it, stand before the great white throne in it, enter heaven in it shining as the sun.

Grant me never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, the exceeding wonder of grace.

- Selection from the prayer "Continual Repentance" in *Valley of Vision*

Memorize

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q5 -

Q: Are there more Gods than one?

A. There is but one only, the living and true God.

God's Word

- Job 24
- Mark 11

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Oct 7, 2023

Prepare

Lord, we pray for peace in this world, and in our churches, spread around the world. God of the whole world, give us your everlasting peace, and take it not away.

Preserve us. Keep the church unshaken and free from the waves of this life, founded on a rock until the end of the age.

- Selection from a prayer in *Apostolic Constitutions*

Memorize

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q6 -

Q: How many persons are there in the Godhead?

A. There are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

God's Word

- Psalm 93

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Oct 8, 2023

Prepare

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

- A prayer of Jesus (Matthew 6:9-13)

Memorize

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

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

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Oct 9, 2023

Prepare

O God, who is the unsearchable abyss of peace, the indescribable sea of love, the fountain of blessings, and the source of affection—you send peace to those who receive it.

Open to us today your sea of love, and water us with abundant streams from the riches of your grace, and from the sweet springs of your kindness...

Bind us close to you and to each other in one firm and unbreakable bond of unity.

Amen.

- Selection from a prayer of Clement of Rome

Memorize

John 1:4-5 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q7 -

Q: What are the decrees of God?

A. The decrees of God are His eternal purpose, according to the counsel of His will, whereby, for His own glory, He has foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

God's Word

- Job 25
- Mark 12

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Oct 10, 2023

Prepare

Grant, Almighty God, since we see Your church throughout all ages to have been exercised by the cross in various ways and with constant suffering, that we also may prepare ourselves for undergoing whatever You may lay upon us.

May we learn also to consider our sins as the cause of whatever adversity happens to us...

When we are humbled under Your powerful hand, may we be raised up by the hope of eternal salvation, which is prepared for us.

- A selection from a prayer of John Calvin

Memorize

John 1:4-5 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q8 -

Q: How does God execute His decrees?

A. God executes His decrees in the works of creation and providence.

God's Word

- Job 26
- Mark 13

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Oct 11, 2023

Prepare

Teach me that it is wisdom for me to pray for all I have, out of love, willingly, not of necessity; that I may come to you at any time, to lay open my needs acceptably to you; that my great sin lies in my not keeping the savor of your ways; that the remembrance of this truth is one way to the sense of Your presence; that there is no wrath like the wrath of being governed by my own lusts for my own ends.

- Selection from the prayer “Living by Prayer” in *Valley of Vision*

Memorize

John 1:4-5 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q9 -

Q: What is the work of creation?

A. The work of creation is God's making all things out of nothing, by the word of His power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

God's Word

- Job 27
- Mark 14

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Oct 12, 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

John 1:4-5 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q10 -

Q: How did God create man?

A. God created man male and female, after His own image in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

God's Word

- Job 28
- Mark 15

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Oct 13, 2023

Prepare

You have given your heart, O Lord, to your believers. You will never fail, nor will you ever be without fruits...

You have given us your fellowship. It was not that you were in need of us, but that we are in need of you.

Distill your dew upon us and open your rich fountains that pour forth to us milk and honey.

For all was revealed before you as God, and ordered from the beginning before you. And you, O God, have made all things. Hallelujah!

Amen.

- Selection from a prayer in *Odes of Solomon*

Memorize

John 1:4-5 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q11 -

Q: What are God’s works of providence?

A. God's works of providence are, His most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all His creatures and all their actions.

God's Word

- Job 29
- Mark 16:1-8

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Oct 14, 2023

Prepare

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble!
May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!
May he send you help from the sanctuary
and give you support from Zion!
May he remember all your offerings
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! Selah
May he grant you your heart's desire
and fulfill all your plans!
May we shout for joy over your salvation,
and in the name of our God set up our banners!
May the Lord fulfill all your petitions!

- A selection from a prayer of David (Psalm 20)

Memorize

John 1:4-5 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q12 -

Q: What special act of providence did God exercise towards man in the estate wherein he was created?

A. When God had created man, He entered into a covenant of life with him upon condition of perfect obedience, forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death.

God's Word

- Psalm 94

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Oct 15, 2023

Prepare

Grant, Almighty God, since every perfect gift comes from You, and since some excel others in intelligence and talents, yet as no one has anything of his own, but as You desire to distribute to man a measure of Your gracious liberality— Grant that, whatever intelligence You confer upon us, we may apply it to the glory of Your name.

Grant also that we may acknowledge in humility and modesty what You have committed to our care be Your own...

- Selection from a prayer of John Calvin

Memorize

John 1:4-5 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

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God's Word

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Oct 16, 2023

Prepare

Strengthen me to pray with the conviction that whatever I receive is your gift, so that I may pray until prayer be granted;

Teach me to believe that all degrees of mercy arise from several degrees of prayer, that when faith is begun it is imperfect and must grow, as chapped ground opens wider and wider until rain comes.

So shall I await your will, pray for it to be done, and by your grace become fully obedient.

- Selection from the prayer “The Divine Will” in *Valley of Vision*

Memorize

John 1:6-8 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q13 -

Q: Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?

A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

God's Word

- Job 30
- 1 Peter 1

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Oct 17, 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 (Jude 24-25)

Memorize

John 1:6-8 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q14 -

Q: What is sin?

A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

God's Word

- Job 31
- 1 Peter 2

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Oct 18, 2023

Prepare

Send out your convoy of angels for my departing soul, and let them bring it among the perfect spirits of the just. Let me follow my dear friends that have died in Christ before. And when my friends are crying over my grave, let my spirit be with you in rest...

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

John 1:6-8 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q15 -

Q: What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?

A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created was their eating the forbidden fruit.

God's Word

- Job 32
- 1 Peter 3

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Oct 19, 2023

Prepare

How you have loved us, good Father! You who did not spare your only Son, but delivered him up for us, the ungodly. How you have loved us! The one who was equal to you was made subject even to death on a cross. He alone had power to lay down his life, and power to take it up again... We might imagine that your Word is far from us, and give up, unless he had been made flesh and dwelt among us. Amen.

- Selection from a prayer of Augustine of Hippo

Memorize

John 1:6-8 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q16 -

Q: Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself but for his posterity, all mankind descending from

him by ordinary generation sinned in him and fell with him in his first transgression.

God's Word

- Job 33
- 1 Peter 4

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Oct 20, 2023

Prepare

In my affliction I will call on the power that subdues all.
Lord, you are the power who is able to subdue the captor.
Glory to your grace!

...

The evil one would have thrown me with a sling into
perdition, but you have bound up and kept my soul in the
bundle of life.

In the presence of so much grace, and the mercies that
surround me, how can I ever praise you enough?
Amen.

- Selection from a prayer of Ephraim the Syrian

Memorize

John 1:6-8 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q17 -

Q: Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

A. The fall brought all mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

God's Word

- Job 34
- 1 Peter 5

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Oct 21, 2023

Prepare

You have led me singing to the cross where I fling down all my burdens and see them vanish, where my mountains of guilt are leveled to a plain, where my sins disappear, though they are the greatest that exist, and are more in number than the grains of fine sand;

For there is power in the blood of Calvary to destroy sins more than can be counted even by one from the choir of heaven. You have given me a hill-side spring that washes clear and white, and I go as a sinner to its waters, bathing without hindrance in its crystal streams.

- A selection from the prayer "Calvary's Anthem" in the *Valley of Vision*

Memorize

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Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q18 -

Q: Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?

A. The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called Original Sin, together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

God's Word

- Psalm 95

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Oct 22, 2023

Prepare

Grant, Almighty God, though we daily depart from You by our sins, that we may not be wholly removed from the foundation on which our salvation depends. But sustain us, or even raise us up when fallen, that we may ever continue in our degree and also return to You in true repentance.

And whatever may happen to us, may we learn ever to look to You, that we may never despair of Your goodness, which You have promised to be firm and perpetual, and that especially while relying on Your only begotten Son our Mediator, we may be able to call on You as our father, until we shall at length come to that eternal inheritance, which has been obtained for us by the blood of Your only Son.

Amen.

- A prayer of John Calvin

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God's Word

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Oct 23, 2023

Prepare

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

- A prayer of Paul (Philippians 1:9-11)

Memorize

John 1:9-11 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q19 -

Q: What is the misery of that estate into which man fell?

A. All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under His wrath and curse, and so made liable to all the miseries of this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

God's Word

- Job 35
- 2 Peter 1

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Oct 24, 2023

Prepare

Oh when will I be free from indwelling sin? Lord deliver me
from this body of death!

Deal with me as it pleases you, Lord. You may justly take
everything from me, for I have abused your lovingkindness.

God be merciful to me, a sinner...

And now let you servants depart in peace, for our eyes have
seen and our hearts have felt your salvation.

Even so come Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen and amen.

- A selection from a prayer of George Whitefield

Memorize

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Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q20 -

Q: Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A. God, having out of His mere good pleasure from all eternity elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

God's Word

- Job 36
- 2 Peter 2

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Oct 25, 2023

Prepare

Lord, you have fashioned our bodies and our souls. You care for and govern the human race. Have mercy in your gentle love. We pray for your help and healing for those who are sick.

Rebuke the sicknesses, Lord. Raise up those who are lying down. Give glory to your holy name, and to 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

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Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q21 -

Q: Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was and continues to be God and man in two distinct natures and one person forever.

God's Word

- Job 37
- 2 Peter 3

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Oct 26, 2023

Prepare

O my Lord, work for me your resurrection, not from your power to make things happen, but out of your love. Though your power could turn a sinner as well, work for me the resurrection that grows out of your mercy.

And even if your justice would not normally allow it, let there be an opening today for your grace. Remember that in your grace, I sought refuge.

Amen.

- A prayer of Ephraim the Syrian

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John 1:9-11 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

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Westminster Shorter Catechism Q22 -

Q: How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A. Christ, the Son of God, became man by taking to Himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary and born of her, yet without sin.

God's Word

- Job 38
- Jude

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

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

Oct 27, 2023

Prepare

May Your Spirit so govern us that we may desire to glorify
Your name.

May it be glorified in spite of Satan and all the impious, until
we are gathered into that celestial kingdom that You have
promised us in the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

- A selection from a prayer of John Calvin

Memorize

John 1:9-11 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q23 -

Q: What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

A. Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in His estate of humiliation and exaltation.

God's Word

- Job 39
- Hebrews 1

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

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Supplication -

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

Oct 28, 2023

Prepare

Mighty God, I humble myself for faculties misused,
opportunities neglected, words ill-advised
I repent of my folly and inconsiderate ways, my broken
resolutions, untrue service, my backsliding steps, my vain
thoughts.
O bury my sins in the ocean of Jesus’ blood and let no evil
result from my fretful temper, unseemly behavior,
provoking pettiness.

- A selection from the prayer “Humility in Service” in
Valley of Vision

Memorize

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Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q24 -

Q: How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

A. Christ executes the office of a prophet in revealing to us by His Word and Spirit the will of God for our salvation.

God's Word

- Psalm 96

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

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

Oct 29, 2023

Prepare

Show us now a plain sign of your majesty.

Show us that anyone who believes you are the true Lord of hosts, the captain of the armies of heaven...

Anyone who believes you are the true power and wisdom of God, and not a created being, subject to time...

These are the people who may, upheld by the aid of your supreme might, win the prize of victory for their faith.

Amen.

- A selection from a prayer of Ambrose of Milan

Memorize

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Read

God's Word

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

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

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Supplication -

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46:10a)

Oct 30, 2023

Prepare

Word of God, Light and Life, Wisdom and Might—I rejoice in all your names.

You who bear all things, binding them by the word of your power...

Receive this prayer as the completion of my offerings, a thanksgiving, and at the same time a humble request. I pray that we may suffer no evil beyond those necessary and sacred cares in our life...

For to you belongs all glory and honor and might, world without end, amen.

- A selection from a prayer of Gregory Nazianzen

Memorize

John 1:12-13 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q25 -

Q: How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

A. Christ executes the office of a priest, in His once offering up of Himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

God's Word

- Job 40
- Hebrews 2

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

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46:10a)

Oct 31, 2023

Prepare

O mighty Father of all things—earth, sea, air, and hell are all subject to you, and all the expanse of heaven emblazoned with the stars.

Those who are guilty tremble before you, while the blameless come before you with prayer and praise.

You reward our course through these few years and the swift close of our frail being with the prize of everlasting life.

Keep us, the descendants of Adam and Eve.

- A selection from a prayer of Ausonius

Memorize

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Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q26 -

Q: How does Christ execute the office of a king?

A. Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.

God's Word

- Job 41
- Hebrews 3

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

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

Nov 1, 2023

Prepare

Lord, help us never to distance ourselves from you. Instead, let us hold tightly to the care of our souls, and to love each other.

Let us not injure other members of our own body, as that would be insane. But let us be kind to others even more as we see them feeling poorly.

- A selection from a prayer of John Chrysostom

Memorize

John 1:12-13 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q27 -

Q: Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

A. Christ's humiliation consisted in His being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

God's Word

- Job 42
- Hebrews 4

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

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Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

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46:10a)

NOV 2, 2023

Prepare

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.

- A selection from a prayer of Serapion Scholasticus

Memorize

John 1:12-13 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q28 -

Q: Wherein consists Christ's exaltation?

A. Christ's exaltation consists in His rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

God's Word

- Proverbs 1
- Hebrews 5

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

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

Nov 3, 2023

Prepare

Lord, today you have set before me out of your word a glorious mystery—a righteousness of your Son that I did not know or care about before.

I see now my happiness lies there. No matter what happens to me in the world, and no matter what happens to my name or my worldly possessions, I am forever secure if I have Christ to clothe me.

- A selection from a prayer of Jeremiah Burroughs

Memorize

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Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q29 -

Q: How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ by the effectual application of it to us by His Holy Spirit.

God's Word

- Proverbs 2
- Hebrews 6

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

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

NOV 4, 2023

Prepare

Lord, as we are conscious of things present and future, help us flee from vice, and strive after virtue, so that we may not labor fruitlessly or randomly.

Instead, let us both enjoy the security here on earth, and partake of the glory there in heaven—glory that you grant for all of us, by the grace and love you grant in our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory and might forever and ever, amen.

- A prayer of John Chrysostom

Memorize

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Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q30 -

Q: How does the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

God's Word

- Psalm 97

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

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

Nov 5, 2023

Prepare

I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

- A selection from a prayer of Jesus (John 17:15-23)

Memorize

John 1:12-13 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Read

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