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Reading and Praying Together

April 2024

Apr 1, 2024

Prepare

Great Shepherd, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon our pastor in abundance, that he may be filled with the power and the wisdom to minister to our spiritual needs, and to bring us closer to You.

- A selection from *A Treasury of Prayers for the Saints*

Memorize

Philippians 2:5-6 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q49-

Q: Which is the second commandment?

A. The second commandment is, "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments."

God's Word

- Isaiah 58
- Romans 14

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

Rest in Christ (“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm

46:10a)

Apr 2, 2024

Prepare

O Lord, make Your ministers of Your Word mighty in the Scriptures. Raise up men of God who have the competence that comes from being thoroughly equipped for every good work. Let them never preach themselves, but always and only Christ Jesus the Lord.

From Acts 18:24; 1 Tim. 3:15; 2 Cor. 4:5

- A selection from *A Way to Pray*

Memorize

Philippians 2:5-6 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q50 -

Q: What is required in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment requires the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God has appointed in His Word.

God's Word

- Isaiah 59
- Romans 15

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

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46:10a)

Apr 3, 2024

Prepare

Dear God, I plead Your precious promises, and earnestly pray to You to shed abroad in my heart more love, more humility, more faith, more hope, more peace and joy; in short, to fill me with all the fullness of God, and make me worthy to be a partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light.

- A selection from a prayer of William Wilberforce

Memorize

Philippians 2:5-6 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q51 -

Q: What is forbidden in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment forbids the worshiping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in His Word.

God's Word

- Isaiah 60
- Romans 16

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

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Supplication -

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46:10a)

Apr 4, 2024

Prepare

O Lord, take away that which is mine, which is all naught, and give me that which is Yours, which is all good. You are called Alpha and Omega, that is, both the beginning and the end of goodness: begin therefore a good life in me, and finish the same unto the glory of
Your blessed name. Amen.

- A selection from a prayer of Thomas Becon

Memorize

Philippians 2:5-6 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q52 -

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

A. The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, His propriety in us, and the zeal He has to His own worship.

God's Word

- Isaiah 61
- 1 Corinthians 1

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46:10a)

Apr 5, 2024

Prepare

I, a poor sinner, confess before You, my God and Creator, that I have sinned gravely and in various ways against You, not only with outward gross sins, but much more with internal, innate blindness, unbelief, doubts, faintheartedness, impatience, pride, evil greed, secret envy, hatred and jealousy, as well as other evil emotions. I feel sorrow and regret for them and wholeheartedly desire grace through Your dear Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

- A selection from a prayer of Zacharias Ursinus

Memorize

Philippians 2:5-6 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q53 -

Q: Which is the third commandment?

A. The third commandment is, "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain."

God's Word

- Isaiah 62
- 1 Corinthians 2

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

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Supplication -

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46:10a)

Apr 6, 2024

Prepare

Let Your mighty hand and outstretched arm, O Lord, still be our defense; Your mercy and loving kindness in Jesus Christ Your dear Son, our salvation; Your true and holy Word, our instruction; Your grace and Holy Spirit, our comfort and consolation unto the end, and in the end. Amen.

-A prayer of John Bradford

Memorize

Philippians 2:5-6 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q54 -

Q:What is required in the third commandment?

A. The third commandment requires the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word, and works.

God's Word

- Psalm 118

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

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Supplication -

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46:10a)

Apr 7, 2024

Prepare

Father, I pray that You would strengthen me to resist the sinful desires that still linger within me. Help me to walk in the light as You are in the light, that I may have fellowship with You and with my fellow believers. And, may my life be a living testimony to Your grace and goodness. Lord, I know that I cannot do this on my own. I need Your Spirit to guide and empower me every step of the way. So, I pray that You would fill me afresh with Your Holy Spirit, that I may have the strength and power to live a life that is pleasing to You. Finally, I pray that You would help me to keep my eyes fixed on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith. May I follow in His footsteps, and may my life bring glory and honor to Your name. In Jesus' precious name, I pray. Amen.

- A selection from *A Treasury of Prayers for the Saints*

Memorize

Philippians 2:5-6 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

Read

God's Word

- Reread a passage that particularly spoke to you this week.

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

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Apr 8, 2024

Prepare

O Fountain of All Good, destroy in me every lofty thought, break pride to pieces and scatter it to the winds, annihilate each clinging shred of self-righteousness, implant in me true lowliness of spirit, break me, then bind me up; Thus will my heart be a prepared dwelling for my God.

- A selection from "The Great God" in *The Valley of Vision*

Memorize

Philippians 2:7-8 but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q55 -

Q: What is forbidden in the third commandment?

A. The third commandment forbids all profaning or abusing of anything whereby God makes Himself known.

God's Word

- Isaiah 63
- 1 Corinthians 3

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

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Apr 9, 2024

Prepare

O God in heaven, have mercy on us! Lord Jesus Christ, intercede for Your people, deliver us at the opportune time, preserve in us the true genuine Christian faith, collect Your scattered sheep with Your voice, Your divine Word as Holy Writ calls us. Help us to recognize Your voice, help us not to be allured by the madness of the world, so that we may never fall away from You,
O Lord Jesus Christ.

-A prayer of Albrecht Durer

Memorize

Philippians 2:7-8 but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q56 -

Q: What is the reason annexed to the third commandment?

A. The reason annexed to the third commandment is, that however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape His righteous judgment.

God's Word

- Isaiah 64
- 1 Corinthians 4

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

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Apr 10, 2024

Prepare

Lord God, of might inconceivable, of glory incomprehensible, of mercy immeasurable, of benignity ineffable; do, O Master, look down upon us in Your tender love, and show forth, towards us and those who pray with us, Your rich mercies and compassions. Amen.

- From the Liturgy of St. Chrysostom

Memorize

Philippians 2:7-8 but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q57 -

Q: Which is the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment is, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and made it holy."

God's Word

- Isaiah 65
- 1 Corinthians 5

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Apr 11, 2024

Prepare

May we love You, O Savior. May we love the people of God as being members of one body in connection with You. May we love the guilty world with that love which desires its salvation and conversion and may we be always ready to put up with wrong, to be longsuffering, to be very patient, full of forgiveness, counting it a small thing that we should forgive our fellow men since we have been forgiven of God. Lord, tune our hearts to love and then give us an inward peace, a restfulness about everything.

- A selection from a prayer of Charles Spurgeon

Memorize

Philippians 2:7-8 but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q58 -

Q: What is required in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment requires the keeping holy to God such set times as He has appointed in His Word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy sabbath to Himself.

God's Word

- Isaiah 66
- 1 Corinthians 6

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Supplication -

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46:10a)

Apr 12, 2024

Prepare

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with Your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by Your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of Your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- A selection from *Book of Common Prayer*

Memorize

Philippians 2:7-8 but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q59 -

Q: Which day of the seven has God appointed to be the weekly sabbath?

A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath, and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian Sabbath.

God's Word

- Jeremiah 1
- 1 Corinthians 7

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Apr 13, 2024

Prepare

Almighty God, give us wisdom to perceive You, intellect to understand You, diligence to seek You, patience to wait for You, eyes to behold You, a heart to meditate upon You, a life to proclaim You, through the power of the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

- A prayer of Benedict of Nursia

Memorize

Philippians 2:7-8 but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q60 -

Q: How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?

A. The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

God's Word

- Psalm 119:1-16

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Apr 14, 2024

Prepare

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against You, You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Hide Your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. For You will not delight in sacrifice, or we would give it; You will not be pleased with a burnt offering. Our sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

- From Psalm 51:1-4; 9-12; 16-17

Memorize

Philippians 2:7-8 but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Read

God's Word

- Reread a passage that particularly spoke to you this week.

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Apr 15, 2024

Prepare

O Lord, may nothing dwell in my soul
But Your pure love alone.

Till my every thought, word, and act be love.

Yes, Lord, may Your love possess me whole;

You're my joy, my treasure, my crown!

- A prayer of John Wesley

Memorize

Colossians 1:9-10 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Read

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.

God's Word

- Jeremiah 2
- 1 Corinthians 8

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Supplication -

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Apr 16, 2024

Prepare

Lord, make my way prosperous not that I achieve high station, but that my life be an exhibit to the value of knowing God. Father, make of me a crisis man. Bring those I contact to decision. Let me not be a milepost on a single road; make me a fork, that men must turn one way or another on facing Christ in me.

- A prayer of Jim Elliot

Memorize

Colossians 1:9-10 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Read

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.

God's Word

- Jeremiah 3
- 1 Corinthians 9

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Supplication -

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Apr 17, 2024

Prepare

We give praise to You, O God of holiness and truth, wisdom and goodness, justice and mercy, purity and lovingkindness, for with goodness and wisdom unmatched You revealed Yourself to us, sending Your Son into the world, destined to assume human nature and to become a sacrifice for us. And so for this, now and in days to be, our praise will rise to You, O Lord, whom all the angel hosts adore with everlasting grateful songs. Amen.

- A selection from a prayer of Philip Melanchthon

Memorize

Colossians 1:9-10 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

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."

God's Word

- Jeremiah 4
- 1 Corinthians 10

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

Pray

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Supplication -

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46:10a)

Apr 18, 2024

Prepare

Almighty God,
To whom all hearts are open,
All desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden,
Cleanse our hearts, by the breath of Your Holy Spirit,
That we may fully love You, and praise well Your holy name.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
– A prayer of Gregory the Great

Memorize

Colossians 1:9-10 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

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.

God's Word

- Jeremiah 5
- 1 Corinthians 11

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

Pray

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Supplication -

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Apr 19, 2024

Prepare

Teach me, O lord, to glory in my cross. Teach me the value of my thorns. Show me how I have climbed to You through the path of pain. Show me it is through my tears I have seen my rainbow.

- A prayer of George Matheson

Memorize

Colossians 1:9-10 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

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.

God's Word

- Jeremiah 6
- 1 Corinthians 12

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

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Apr 20, 2024

Prepare

Sweet Jesus, Body and Blood most Holy,
be the delight and pleasure of my soul,
my strength and salvation in all temptations,
my joy and peace in every trial,
my light and guide in every word and deed,
and my final protector in death. Amen.

- A prayer of Thomas Aquinas

Memorize

Colossians 1:9-10 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Read

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 119:17-32

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

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Supplication -

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Apr 21, 2024

Prepare

O God, early in the morning I cry to You.

Help me to pray and to concentrate my thoughts on You;

I can't do this alone.

In me there's darkness, but with You there's light;

I'm lonely, but You don't leave me;

I'm feeble in heart, but with You there's help;

Restless, but with You there's peace.

In me there's bitterness, but with You there's patience;

I don't understand Your ways, but You know the way for me.

- A selection from a prayer of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Memorize

Colossians 1:9-10 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Read

God's Word

- Reread a passage that particularly spoke to you this week.

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Apr 22, 2024

Prepare

O Lord Jesus Christ,
You are the sun of the world,
evermore arising, and never going down,
which by Your most welcome appearing and sight,
brings forth, preserves, nourishes, and refreshes all things,
as well that are in heaven as also that are on earth;
We beg You mercifully and faithfully to shine in our hearts,
so that the night and darkness of sins,
and the mist of errors on every side may be driven away.
-From a prayer of Thomas Cranmer

Memorize

Colossians 1:11-12 being strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q67 -

Q: Which is the sixth commandment?

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

God's Word

- Jeremiah 7
- 1 Corinthians 13

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

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Rest in Christ (“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm

46:10a)

Apr 23, 2024

Prepare

O Lord, strengthen our faith; kindle it with fervent love towards You, and our neighbors, for Your sake. Let us not, most dear Father, receive Your word any more in vain; but grant us always the assistance of Your grace and Holy Spirit, that in heart, word, and deed, we may sanctify and worship Your name.

- A selection from a prayer of John Knox

Memorize

Colossians 1:11-12 being strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

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.

God's Word

- Jeremiah 8
- 1 Corinthians 14

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

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46:10a)

Apr 24, 2024

Prepare

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

- A selection from *Book of Common Prayer*

Memorize

Colossians 1:11-12 being strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

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.

God's Word

- Jeremiah 9
- 1 Corinthians 15

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Apr 25, 2024

Prepare

I confess, Lord, with thanksgiving,
that You have made me in Your image,
so that I can remember You, think of You, and love You.
But that image is so worn and blotted out by faults,
and darkened by the smoke of sin,
that it cannot do that for which it was made,
unless you renew and refashion it.
- A selection from a prayer of Anselm of Canterbury

Memorize

Colossians 1:11-12 being strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q70 -

Q: Which is the seventh commandment?

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

God's Word

- Jeremiah 10
- 1 Corinthians 16

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

Rest in Christ (“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm

46:10a)

Apr 26, 2024

Prepare

Eternal, Almighty, and most gracious God: heaven is Your throne, and earth is Your footstool; holy and reverend is Your name; You are praised by the angels of heaven, and in the gathering of Your church on earth. Despite our unworthiness, You have invited us through our mediator, Jesus Christ, to present ourselves and our prayers to You. Receive us graciously. Help us by Your Spirit. Let us stand in awe of You.

-A selection from a prayer of Richard Baxter

Memorize

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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.

God's Word

- Jeremiah 11
- 2 Corinthians 1

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

Rest in Christ (“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm

46:10a)

Apr 27, 2024

Prepare

O Heavenly Father,
I praise and thank You
For rest in the night;

I praise and thank You for this new day;
I praise and thank You for all your goodness
and faithfulness throughout my life.

You have granted me many blessings;
Now let me also accept what's hard from Your hand.
You will lay on me no more than I can bear.

You make all things work together for good for Your children.

-A selection from a prayer of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Memorize

Colossians 1:11-12 being strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

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 119:33-48

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

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46:10a)

Apr 28, 2024

Prepare

But You, O Lord, are faithful and true. You have not given up on us, but have continued to work in and through Your Church. You have raised up leaders and sent out laborers into Your harvest fields. You have empowered Your people with Your Spirit and given us all we need to fulfill Your purpose. Father, I pray that You would ignite a fire within Your Church, that we may once again be a force for Your kingdom in this world. Stir up our hearts with a passion for Your glory, and give us a renewed vision for Your mission. Help us to see the lost and the hurting as You see them, and to be willing to do whatever it takes to reach them.

-A selection from *A Treasury of Prayers for the Saints*

Memorize

Colossians 1:11-12 being strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

Read

God's Word

- Reread a passage that particularly spoke to you this week.

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

Pray

Adoration -

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Supplication -

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46:10a)

Apr 29, 2024

Prepare

O thou my God! Loose and set at liberty my spirit from all inferior things, govern my soul, and so work, that both in soul and body I may be holy, and live to Your glory, world without end. Amen.

- A prayer of of John Bradford

Memorize

Colossians 1:13-14 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q73 -

Q: Which is the eighth commandment?

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

God's Word

- Jeremiah 12
- 2 Corinthians 2

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

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46:10a)

Apr 30, 2024

Prepare

Almighty and most merciful Father, who has created and preserved me, have pity on my weakness and corruption. Deliver me from habitual wickedness and idleness, enable me to purify my thoughts, to use the faculties which You have given me with honest diligence, and to regulate my life by Your holy word.

- A prayer of Samuel Johnson

Memorize

Colossians 1:13-14 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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.

God's Word

- Jeremiah 13
- 2 Corinthians 3

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

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46:10a)

May 1, 2024

Prepare

O heavenly Father, whose law is perfect, converting the soul; a sure testimony giving wisdom to the unlearned, and enlightening the eyes—we humbly implore You, through Your boundless goodness, to enlighten our blind intellect by Your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly understand and profess Your law and live according to it.

- A selection from a prayer of Martin Micronius

Memorize

Colossians 1:13-14 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Read

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.

God's Word

- Jeremiah 14
- 2 Corinthians 4

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

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46:10a)

May 2, 2024

Prepare

Guide us, Lord,
in all the changes and varieties of the world;
that we may have evenness and tranquility of spirit:
that we may not grumble in adversity
nor grow proud in prosperity,
but in serene faith surrender our souls
to Your most divine will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- A prayer of of Jeremy Taylor

Memorize

Colossians 1:13-14 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q76 -

Q: Which is the ninth commandment?

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

God's Word

- Jeremiah 15
- 2 Corinthians 5

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

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May 3, 2024

Prepare

Gracious God,
we do not live by bread alone, but by
every word that comes from Your mouth.
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,
that it may nourish us today
in ways of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ,
the bread of heaven. Amen.

-A prayer from *Source Book of Worship Resources*

Memorize

Colossians 1:13-14 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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.

God's Word

- Jeremiah 16
- 2 Corinthians 6

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

Pray

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46:10a)

May 4, 2024

Prepare

Almighty and merciful God, we acknowledge for ourselves and we confess before You that which is the truth; namely, that if You decided to consider our merits and worthiness, we would not be worthy to lift our eyes to heaven and bring our prayer before You. But, O Lord, for the sake of the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom You have set forth as our Mediator and Advocate, so we forsake all other help and take our refuge in Your mercy alone.

Amen.

-A selection from a prayer of Peter Dathenus

Memorize

Colossians 1:13-14 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Read

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 119:49-64

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

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46:10a)

May 5, 2024

Prepare

Lord Jesus Christ, our only comfort, our hope, our righteousness, our strength and sure defense, kindle in our hearts a desire, hunger and thirst for the eternal food of the soul, Your true body and blood, that we may gladly and frequently receive the sacrament, knowing our sins, but relying on You to strengthen and assure us until life's journey ends and we come to You in our heavenly homeland to see You face-to-face and dwell with You through all eternity.

- A prayer of Wilhelm Loehe

Memorize

Colossians 1:13-14 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Read

God's Word

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Pray

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