

Hymn of the Week

#756



Daily Prayer

For Individuals and Families

- [1] Why should cross and trial grieve me?
Christ is near With his cheer;
Never will He leave me.
Who can rob me of the heaven
That God's Son For me won
When His life was given?
- [2] When life's troubles rise to meet me,
Though their weight May be great,
They will not defeat me.
God, my loving Savior, sends them;
He who knows All my woes
Knows how best to end them.
- [3] God gives me my days of gladness,
And I will Trust Him still
When He sends me sadness.
God is good; His love attends me
Day by day, Come what may,
Guides me and defends me.
- [4] From God's joy can nothing sever,
For I am His dear lamb,
He, my Shepherd ever.
I am His because He gave me
His own blood For my good,
By His death to save me.
- [5] Now in Christ, death cannot slay me,
Though it might, Day and night,
Trouble and dismay me.
Christ has made my death a portal
From the strife Of this life
To His joy immortal!

The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds!

For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

Be gracious to me, O LORD! See my affliction from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gates of death,

that I may recount all your praises, that in the gates of the daughter of Zion I may rejoice in your salvation. (Ps. 9)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A hymn, canticle, or psalm may be sung or spoken.

Scripture Readings for the Week:

Sun.	1 Kings 12:20-13:5,33-34 2 Corinthians 8:1-24	Thurs.	1 Kings 19:1-21 Ephesians 3:1-21
Mon.	1 Kings 16:29-17:24 2 Corinthians 9:1-15	Fri.	2 Kings 2:1-18 Ephesians 4:1-24
Tues.	1 Kings 18:1-19 Ephesians 1:1-23	Sat.	2 Kings 2:19-25,4:1-7 Ephesians 4:25-5:14
Wed.	1 Kings 18:20-40 Ephesians 2:1-22		

Lord's Prayer and Prayers for others and ourselves

Concluding prayer:

Almighty God, your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow him wherever he leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1