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PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK **Wisdom 1:7; Psalm 68:1, 3, 4, 11, 33, 35**

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alle- | luia.*

Let the righ- | teous be glad;

let them rejoice be- | fore God;*

yes, let them rejoice exceedingly. Alle- | luia.

Let God arise, let His enemies be | scattered; *

let those also who hate Him flee be- | fore Him.

Sing to God, sing praises | to His name;*

extol Him who rides | on the clouds.

The Lord | gave the Word;*

great was the company of those who pro- | claimed it.

He sends out His voice, a | mighty voice.*

The God of Israel gives strength and power to His | people.

6

SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **John 14:27**

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

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READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

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PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O God our merciful Father, who taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending to them the light of Your Holy Spirit, bring us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

10

SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!

TLH 224, LSB 497

Martin Luther



1. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!
Be all Thy graces now out poured
On each believer's mind and heart;
Thy fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of Thy light,
Thou in the faith dost men unite
Of every land and every tongue:
This to Thy praise, O Lord, our God, be sung.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

2. Thou holy Light, Guide Divine
Oh, cause the Word of Life to shine!
Teach us to know our God aright
And call Him Father with delight.
From every error keep us free;
Let none but Christ our Master be

That we in living faith abide,
In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. Thou holy Fire, Comfort true,
Grant us the will Thy work to do
And in Thy service to abide;
Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by Thy power prepare each heart
And to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may contend,
Through life and death to Thee, our Lord, as-
cend.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!



Around the Word Devotions + May 24-30, 2026

"The Holy Spirit: Creator of the Church"

1

BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:

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

2

SAY THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died
and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the
dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at
the right hand of God, the Father
Almighty. From thence He will come to
judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
Christian church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.

3

PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in
heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it
is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily
bread;

and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who
trespass against us;

and lead us not into
temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and
the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

4

PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

Morning. I thank You, my
heavenly Father, through Jesus
Christ, Your dear Son, that You
have kept me this night from all
harm and danger; and I pray that
You would keep me this day also
from sin and every evil, that all my
doings and life may please You.
For into Your hands I commend
myself, my body and soul, and all
things. Let Your holy angel be with
me, that the evil foe may have no
power over me. Amen.

Evening. I thank you, my
heavenly Father, through Jesus
Christ, Your dear Son, that You
have graciously kept me this day;
and I pray that You would forgive
me all my sins where I have done
wrong, and graciously keep me this
night. For into Your hands, I
commend myself, my body and
soul, and all things. Let Your holy
angel be with me, that the evil foe
may have no power over me. Amen.

Around the Word Devotions + the week of May 24-30, 2026

THEME OF THE WEEK: The Holy Spirit: Creator of the Church

The Holy Spirit brings us to Jesus. How does it happen? He inspired the apostles' words to be greater than mere religious thoughts and opinions. He breathed God's Word into them. He brought to their remembrance all that Jesus said and did during His life, death, and resurrection. So, we're not getting men's subjective perspectives in the Bible, but God's saving truth and presence. The Spirit makes us hear Jesus when we hear the gospel according to St. Matthew or St. John. Jesus, through this inspired Word, brings us to the Father, to know His love, to marvel at His grace, to worship Him by faith with prayers, praise, and thanksgiving.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: John 14:23-31 The Work of the Holy Spirit

Our Lord's words and teaching in this text overflow with promise and comfort. It would be impossible to know and love Jesus, or live in Him without the Holy Spirit. Jesus wants His disciples to be certain of His Father's love for them. He sent the Holy Spirit so that He and His Son might abide in you. The Spirit teaches you Christ's Word and strengthens you in faith. He protects and defends you from the assaults of the devil, the world, and your own sinful flesh. The Father does all this for you, His beloved child, because of His Son and through His Spirit that you might have life eternal and a peace the world can never ever give. *Thank You, O Lord, for sending the Holy Spirit to call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify me and Your whole church. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 48 Zion's Ramparts

Consider the nature of Christ's kingdom on this earth. It doesn't spread by force of arms and political machinations. Everything depends on the preaching of God's Word. Where the fruits of Jesus' atonement are proclaimed, there a spiritual Mount Zion rises out of the parched earth of despair. The faithful gather to it and find refuge from all their enemies of body and soul. This is how the Lord's praises reach to the ends of the earth. This is how the heavenly Jerusalem gains sons and daughters to fill its streets giving refuge behind its walls. So walk around Zion. Go around her. Study her doctrine. Marvel at the gracious promises that protect her from sin and death. This is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever. *O God, Your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Let us rejoice! Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 4:7-11 The Prayer Killer

Willful sin, which brings with it a bad conscience, is a murderer of faith and prayer. This is why Peter exhorts us to be "self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers." It becomes nearly impossible to pray or to have devotion to the Word when your conscience is afraid. You turn inward, looking to yourself and your wants and desires, and by your sin cast aside the fellowship with God and His provision. Christians are to be watchful and awake, "for the end of all things is at hand." We are to use the gifts we have for the good of others, that God may be glorified in us. Sin just leads to a bad conscience. If you have sinned, repent and trust in the forgiveness of Christ, and embrace the good life He has given you. *Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: Joel 2:28-32 The Spirit Brings Faith

The things which the prophet Joel preaches have come to pass at Pentecost. The Spirit is poured out on His Church that she would go into all the world and proclaim the good news, that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1), and that "all who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved" (v. 32). And this is indeed good news! For the Spirit here plainly says that salvation is a free gift, that the faith which the Spirit has worked in men will cause them to call upon the Lord, that He would deliver them from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation by His lovingkindness in Jesus. Take hold of this and say amen to it. *O Holy Spirit, pour out Your graces to me that I would call upon the Name of Jesus and thus be saved. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: John 14:15-21 Delightful Commandments

One of the reasons the Holy Spirit is given to us is so we learn to rejoice in and love the Lord's Commandments. Jesus tells us that if we love Him we must keep His commandments. He is not saying that we must keep the law perfectly in order to be saved. Rather, those who love the Lord will also love and cherish His Words. They will guard and keep His commands. By the Holy Spirit we learn that these words are not simply rules for how to live your best life now, but they are God's ordering of creation for our good and the good of our neighbor. They are a delight to us, because the Holy Spirit has made them a delight. *Blessed Lord, help me to always delight in Your Commandments. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4:7-16 Built Up in Love

The riches of Christ's ascension and the sending of the Spirit are unfathomable. Once we were captives to sin. Now we are free in Christ Jesus. By grace He has given us gifts of salvation. He also has instituted a ministry of the Word so that we would be equipped to discern lies from truth, to turn from human cunning to trust in the promises of Scripture, to be built up in love as we do the works God finds pleasing. Just as we grow from childhood to maturity in the flesh, so also should we continue to spiritually grow in faith and love as long as God grants us life on this earth. We don't all have the same calling, but our callings are from God to serve and to build up the church as God desires. *Grant me to grow in into the Head, Who is Christ. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 145 Pass Down the Faith

"One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts." (v. 4). God's mighty works beg to be taught to others, especially to our children and grandchildren. The passing on of the faith from one generation to another is the solemn duty of all Christian parents. Why? One, because God has commanded it. Two, because it is a joy to tell your children that they are forgiven and redeemed in Christ. And three, because your children, unlike anything else in this life, you CAN take to heaven with you. Everything else will fade, but your children are little bundles of eternity. Act accordingly. *Lord Jesus, help me to tell my children of Your saving love. Amen.*

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