

Read ✦ Think ✦ Pray

Some Ways to Be Blessed and Be a Blessing!

January – March 2020

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Be Faithful in 2020: *Seek first His kingdom...*

- ➔ **SATURDAYS:** Bible Class 3:00; Divine Service 4:00
- ➔ **SUNDAYS:** Divine Service 9:00; Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30
- ➔ **WEDNESDAYS:** 2/26, 3/4, 11, 18, & 25: Lent Services at 11 & 7

Draw Near to God in 2020: *Get into His Word...*

- ➔ **IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US:** Use one or more of these resources every day (need help, just ask): Bible, Portals, Meditations, A Closer Look at the Evidence, etc.

- ➔ **GOD WANTS TO CHANGE US:**

Therefore, when using a resource noted above, *it is essential to do the following:*

- ✦ **Keep asking these two questions:**

- What does it mean?
- How does it apply to me?

- ✦ **Use all of the following to actually benefit:**

- **Hear:** Pay attention and think!
- **Read:** Read slowly, thoughtfully... what does it mean? How does it apply to me?
- **Mark:** Underline or highlight key words or phrases!
- **Learn:** Begin to apply God's Word to your daily life!
- **Inwardly Digest:** Allow God's Word to become part of who you are; *then it will show in word and deed!*



Service Dates and Readings:

- ✦ *Where is God in YOUR list of priorities? 1st, 2nd, 3rd ...*
- ✦ *How is God calling you to repent for 2020?*

How to Benefit from these Bible Passages:

- ✦ First – Read and think!
- ✦ Second – Attend and benefit!

January 4 & 5: 2nd Sunday after Christmas:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 3:4-15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Ephesians 1:3-14 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 119:97-104 | <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 2:40-52 |

January 11 & 12: 1st Sunday after the Epiphany / The Baptism of Our Lord

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 42:1-9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 6:1-11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 29 | <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 3:13-17 |

January 18 & 19: 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 49:1-7 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 40:1-11 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 1:29-42a |

January 25 & 26: 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 9:1-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 27:1-9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 4:12-25 |

February 1 & 2: The Purification of Mary and The Presentation of Our Lord

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Samuel 1:21-28 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 2:14-18 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 84 | <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 2:22-32 |

February 8 & 9: 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 58:3-9a | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 112:1-9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 5:13-20 |

February 15 & 16: 6th Sunday after the Epiphany

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy 30:15-20 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 119:1-8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 5:21-37 |

February 22 & 23: The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Exodus 24:8-18 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Peter 1:16-21 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 2:6-12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 17:1-9 |

February 26: Ash Wednesday

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Joel 2:12-19 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 51:1-13 | <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 |

February 29 & March 1: First Sunday in Lent

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 3:1-21 | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 5:12-19 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 32:1-7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 4:1-11 |

March 4: 2nd Wednesday of Lent: Service 11; Food 12; Food 6; Service 7

March 7 & 8: 2nd Sunday in Lent

- Genesis 12:1-9
- Psalm 121

- Romans 4:1-8, 13-17
- John 3:1-17

March 11: 3rd Wednesday of Lent: Service 11; Food 12; Food 6; Service 7

March 14 & 15: 3rd Sunday in Lent

- Exodus 17:1-7
- Psalm 95:1-9

- Romans 5:1-8
- John 4:5-26

March 18: 4th Wednesday of Lent: Service 11; Food 12; Food 6; Service 7

March 21 & 22: 4th Sunday in Lent

- Isaiah 42:14-21
- Psalm 142

- Ephesians 5:8-14
- John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

March 25: 5th Wednesday of Lent: Service 11; Food 12; Food 6; Service 7

March 28 & 29: 5th Sunday in Lent

- Ezekiel 37:1-14
- Psalm 130

- Romans 8:1-11
- John 11:17-27, 38-53

Pray for Others:

★ *The requests and people in the Participation Guide!*

★ *Write other names and needs below...*

Family: _____

Church: _____

Others: _____

Outreach: _____

Miscellaneous: _____

Some Prayers to Use During the Week:

SAT/SUN: For Blessing on the Word Changing Others: Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have been brought to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

MON: For Blessing on Benefitting from the Word: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

TUE: For the Church – All Believers: O Lord, graciously receive the prayers of Your Church that, being delivered from all adversity and error, it may serve You in safety and freedom and dwell in Your peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

WED: For the whole Christian Church: Almighty and everlasting God, since You govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church by Your Holy Spirit, hear our prayers for all of its members, and mercifully grant that, by Your grace, we may serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

THU: For those outside the Church – Unbelievers: Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from all the ways in which they are deceived, and bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

FRI: Against the Love of Money: Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have called us to be Your children and heirs of Your gracious promises in Christ Jesus. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may forsake all covetous desires and the inordinate love of riches. Deliver us from the pursuit of passing things that we may seek the kingdom of Your Son and trust in His righteousness and so find blessedness and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.