



Taking Faith Home

July 8, 2018

My Dear Fellow Christians, The Apostle Paul writes in Romans 10:17: ***Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.*** If you have a sincere desire to grow in your faith and be strong in your faith then this promise of God is for you. When you read the Bible passages assigned below, be assured that God Himself is speaking to you. When you take to heart what God is saying to you, be further assured that the faith given to you in your Baptism is being nourished and strengthened. And so when you take this devotion outline and put it into practice, be assured that you are really:

TAKING FAITH HOME!

May God richly bless you! *Pastor Dan Decker*

The following is offered as a daily discipline for your reading, study, prayer, and praise.

I. Begin with: *In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

II. . Confess the Second Petition to the Lord's Prayer: *Thy Kingdom come.* *What does this mean?--* The Kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also. *How is this done?--* God's Kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

III. PSALM OF THE WEEK: Psalm 18:1-7

IV. PRAYER OF THE WEEK: Heavenly Father, Your Kingdom came when You sent Your Son Jesus to live among us, and to deliver us from the powers of evil. Your Kingdom came with Jesus, Who brings us life and salvation, and battles for us against the enemies of sin, death, and the devil that we cannot handle by ourselves. Teach me to always trust that Jesus is still among us by the preaching of His Word and the receiving of His Sacraments. Help me to always believe that You love me greatly for You were willing to have Your one and only Son die for me. This I ask through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

V. DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Sunday-Psalm 78:8-13

Monday-Amos 7:1-6

Tuesday-Amos 7:7-15

Wednesday-Ephesians 1:3-14

Thursday-Mark 6:1-6

Friday-Mark 6:7-13

Saturday-Mark 6:14-29

VI. DAILY PRAYERS (Please try to focus your prayers on the theme of each day):

Sunday: Pray for St. Paul's members to experience the joy of Jesus' resurrection and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.

Monday: Pray in thanksgiving for your Baptism, for your coworkers and the unemployed.

Tuesday: Pray that God's Word would guide your daily decisions, for those who have fallen away from the Church, and for all unbelievers.

Wednesday: Pray for those who serve in our government, for your family and friends, and for those who are in adult and junior confirmation classes.

Thursday: Pray in thanksgiving for the privilege of receiving the Lord's Supper.

Friday: Pray for all Christians who are experiencing persecution because of the Faith and for all who experience mental and physical pain.

Saturday: Pray that the Holy Spirit would draw His people to His House.

VII. SPECIAL PETITIONS FOR THIS WEEK: Pray that God would bless our Vacation Bible School and move our members to be generous to this ministry with their time, talents, and treasures.

Our members, who are ill: Dorothy Johnson; Donna Louison; Frank Splinter; Payden Belk; Presley Belk; Michelle Risch

Friends/Family of our members, who are ill: *These names will remain on the list for three months.* Please remember all who are ill, especially:

APRIL --- Pastor Paul Garchow; Erric Moen (*friend of Paul & Vicki Fetting*)

MAY --- Deb Husen (*mother of Jason Steinke*);

JUNE --- Kathy Kamin (*sister of Dave & Laura Manke*); Christine Lindau (*Tim Lindau family*); Joshua Sweetman (*grandson of Trish Plante*); Gene Winger (*grandfather of Janie Carroll*); David Redmann (*son of Ray & Karen Redmann*); Lukas Malone (*grandson of Ron & Laurie Decker*); Vernice Stark (*sister-in-law of Dorothy Decker*).

Military and families: (Capital Letters = Active Military): ZACH BOUTELLE; Dan Caldwell; RYAN CLAUER; MASON CRAWLEY (*son-in-law of Cynthia LeStarge*); MAKENZIE DE WAR; SETH HAFFERY; Kyle Hendrikson; Emily (Oscarson) Keator; Stephen Lenaas; CHAZ and KALON MAGNUSON (*sons of Cynthia LeStarge*); TYLER MOREHEAD; JONATHAN PALSMA (*son of Cynthia LeStarge*); MAJOR KATHY (SANDS) MCKILLIPS, AMBER SORNSON; Keith Spoon. *Please note that some military members cannot be listed for security reasons.*

Missionaries: Shauen & Krista Trump serving in Africa; Kip & Ivy Hoech serving in Kyrgyzstan; Pastor John Reinke serving the Deaf; James & Christel Neuendorf and Jamielynn Tinkey serving in the Dominican Republic. *Please note that some missionaries cannot be listed for security reasons.*