



Taking Faith Home July 29, 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 Fifth Petition to the Lord's Prayer: *And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. What does this mean?--*We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins, nor deny such petitions on account of them; for we are worthy of none of the things for which we pray, neither have we deserved them; but that He would grant them all to us by grace; for we daily sin much, and indeed deserve nothing but punishment. So will we verily, on our part, also heartily forgive and also readily do good to those who sin against us.

III. PSALM OF THE WEEK: Psalm 145:1-9

IV. PRAYER OF THE WEEK: Heavenly Father, thank You for giving me the strength to believe You when You say, "You are forgiven." Thank You for giving me the strength to let my past sins die. Thank You for telling me to do this, even though I think I should hold on to a guilty conscience. Thank You for a fresh start every day, every moment. Thank You for keeping Your promise to forgive even me and to forgive others through me.. This I ask through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

V. DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Sunday-Psalm 145:10-21

Monday-Exodus 16:2-15

Tuesday-Ephesians 4:1-6

Wednesday-Ephesians 4:7-16

Thursday-John 6:22-27

Friday-John 1:9-18

Saturday-John 1:19-28

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 for God's blessings on our Vacation Bible School and associate pastor call process.

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*)

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*).

JULY --- Vern Klitzke (*friend of Ed & Lois James*)

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.*