



Taking Faith Home August 13, 2017

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. The Sacrament of the Altar, Part 4: *Who, then, receives such Sacrament worthily?* Fasting and bodily preparation is, indeed, a fine outward training; but he is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: *Given, and shed for you, for the remission of sins.* But he that does not believe these words, or doubts, is unworthy and unfit; for the words *For you* require altogether believing hearts.

III. PSALM OF THE WEEK: Psalm 67

IV. PRAYER OF THE WEEK: Heavenly Father, Your Son has guaranteed to us the forgiveness of our sins and the deliverance of us from eternal death. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that our faith may increase daily and that we may hold fast to the hope that on the Last Day we shall be raised in glory to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

V. DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Sunday-Isaiah 56:1-5

Monday-Isaiah 56:6-8

Tuesday-Romans 11:1-12

Wednesday-Romans 11:13-27

Thursday-Romans 11:28-32

Friday-Matthew 15:1-20

Saturday-Matthew 15:21-28

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 members as they support the work of God's Kingdom at St. Paul's through generously sharing their time, talents, and treasures.

Our members, who are ill: Dorothy Johnson; Julia Boutelle; Donna Louison; Michelle Taylor; Jason Malloy, Myra Heller, Frank Splinter

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:

JUNE --- Joe Collins (*son-in-law of Phil & Carol Welte*); Pastor Paul Garchow; Krista Garchow; Kaylin Burzynski (*sister of Jeff Kuglitsch*); David Redmann (*son of Ray & Karen Redmann*); Pam Williams (*wife of former St. Paul's vicar Barry Williams*); Carol Friedrich (*niece of Elaine Ingold*)

JULY --- Leone Schonack (*mother of Linda Renk*)

Military and families: (Capital Letters = Active Military): ZACH BOUTELLE; Dan Caldwell; RYAN CLAUER; MASON CRAWLEY (*son-in-law of Cynthia LeStarge*); 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*); Kathy Seifarth, 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.*