



**DAILY BREAD
LECTIONARY DEVOTIONS
PENTECOST 10—YEAR C**

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father
and of the Son +
and of the Holy Spirit.

G: Amen

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 6

**A: Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

L: O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger

G: or discipline me in your wrath.

L: Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am faint;

**G: O LORD, heal me, for my soul is in
anguish.**

L: Turn, O LORD, and deliver me;

G: save me because of your unflinching love.

L: I am worn out from groaning.

G: My eyes grow weak with sorrow.

L: Away from me, all you who do evil,

G: for the LORD has heard my weeping.

L: The LORD has heard my cry for mercy;

G: the LORD accepts my prayer.

**A: Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READING & MEDITATION *see next page*

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**A: 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.**

VERSE OF THE DAY

**A: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of eternal life. (John 6:68 cf. NV)**

BENEDICTION

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

A: Amen

READING AND MEDITATION:

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: The believer prays boldly. The Prayer of the Day beautifully centers worship for this Sunday: God's ears are open; let us then boldly ask for the blessings he promises.

As you study this week, seek to find the connecting theme in all the lessons by using Luther's Four Big Barber Questions to ponder and discuss each individual reading:

1. *What is God saying to me in this lesson?*
2. *For what does this lesson lead me to give thanks?*
3. *What sins does this lesson lead me to confess?*
4. *For what does this lesson lead me to pray?*

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 11:1-13

The disciples came to Jesus looking for help in learning to pray. Jesus responds coupling the spiritual-gift petitions of the Lord's Prayer with examples of the boldness with which our Father invites us to ask, seek, and knock. Rooted in the Word, these requests come from hearts of faith that have been taught to seek not only what we need but even what we want. Our confidence is this: we can come again and again before our Father's throne of grace knowing that every good and perfect gift comes from our dear Father to his dear children.

My takeaways:

FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 18:20-32

There were just certain ways that things were done in the ancient East. This was not it. Abraham's continued pressing of God for concessions would have seemed presumptuous to any earthly master. Yet Abraham was as bold as this when talking to God! On hearing of the Lord's plans for wicked Sodom, Abraham shamelessly presses the Lord to live up to the meaning of his name. Our confidence is the same as we boldly come before our heavenly Father's throne seeking his free and faithful grace. We come, then, knowing that our dear Father will answer our prayer in the way that is best for us. Though the Lord did not find even ten righteous ones living in Sodom, Lot and his daughters were ultimately saved.

My takeaways:

SECOND LESSON: COLOSSIANS 2:6-15

This second reading in the three week series from Colossians points out the reason we can be so bold in prayer. God has given us the fullness of Christ. In him we were circumcised, buried, and raised to life. Sins forgiven, we have been made children of God who have every right and encouragement to ask of God—as a child would ask his dear father.

My takeaways:

SUPPLEMENTAL SECOND LESSON: JAMES 5:13-18

C.S. Lewis said that in prayer God gives us the dignity of causality. Using the example of Elijah's earnest prayers, James encourages a bold prayer life on behalf of others in keeping with the will of the Lord. The righteous are invited to boldly pray for the sick in both body and soul, and God promises to hear those prayer of men made righteous and to respond with forgiveness and healing. Such dignity God gives us! No wonder James can make such a sweeping statement: Is any of you in trouble? He should pray.

My takeaways:

What major theme(s) connect(s) all the lessons?