

Outline: How to live as faithful Christians in a crooked world:

1. Value Christian Friendship (vv. 1–5a)
2. Be Occupied with the Word (vv. 5–8)
3. Persevere through Christ-given Courage (vv. 9–11)
4. Trust in God’s Work of Providence (vv. 12–17)

***Hymn of Response**TPH #456:1–3
Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

***Benediction**

Sovereign Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church

Evening Devotion Outline

The whole Lord’s Day is to be a day of worship and praise to God. This evening devotion is a great way to close out the Lord’s Day by reflecting on God’s word and works through Christ. Begin with reading the opening Scriptures. Pray the Lord’s Prayer together and sing a Psalm or hymn. Have someone read the passage of Scripture (taken from the “first reading” of the morning service). Once you listen to the devotion, reflect with a few (or all) of the questions for reflection and close with singing and prayer.

The audio for the devotion can be accessed at sgrpc.org/sermons.

Suggested Scripture readings for the week ahead are included as well.

All Scripture is quoted from the English Standard Version.

Opening Scripture Psalm 92:1–2

- ¹ It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
- ² to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night....

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Suggested Psalms and Hymns (from the Trinity Psalter Hymnal)

- 63A – O God, You Are My God Alone
- 380 – Crown Him with Many Crowns

Confession of Faith:..... Westminster Larger Catechism, Qs. 191–192

Q. 191. *What do we pray for in the second petition?*

A. In the second petition (which is, Thy kingdom come), acknowledging ourselves and all mankind to be by nature under the dominion of sin and Satan, we pray, that the kingdom of sin and Satan may be destroyed, the gospel propagated throughout the world, the Jews called, the fullness of the Gentiles brought in; the church furnished with all gospel officers and ordinances, purged from corruption, countenanced and maintained by the civil magistrate; that the ordinances of Christ may be purely dispensed, and made effectual to the converting of those that are yet in their sins, and the confirming, comforting, and building up of those that are already converted: that Christ would rule in our hearts here, and hasten the time of his second coming, and our reigning with him forever: and that he would be pleased so to exercise the kingdom of his power in all the world, as may best conduce to these ends.

Q. 192. *What do we pray for in the third petition?*

A. In the third petition (which is, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven), acknowledging that by nature we and all men are not only utterly unable and unwilling to know and to do the will of God, but prone to rebel against his word, to repine and murmur against his providence, and wholly inclined to do the will of the flesh, and of the devil: we pray, that God would by his Spirit take away from ourselves and others all blindness, weakness, indisposedness, and perverseness of heart; and by his grace make us able and willing to know, do, and submit to his will in all things, with the like humility, cheerfulness, faithfulness, diligence, zeal, sincerity, and constancy, as the angels do in heaven.

Scripture Reading..... Joshua 1:1–11

Devotion Pastor Jeffrey Carter

“The LORD Is Salvation”

[This audio devotion can be accessed at sgrpc.org/sermons.]

Outline:

1. A beautiful & gracious gift
2. A faithful & courageous leader
3. A blueprint & promise of success

4. A safe & blessed people

Questions for Reflection:

1. What does Joshua’s name mean? *Hint: it’s the title of this devotion.*
2. To whom did the Promised Land belong? What is it symbolic of?
3. As Christians, what (or where) is our “Promised Land”?
4. What kind of success does verse 7–8 speak of?
5. What is the Book of the Law?
6. How should we meditate on God’s word?
7. What’s the connection between courage and God’s Word?
8. How does Joshua foreshadow (the best word is “typify”) Jesus (whose Hebrew name is also Joshua)?

Closing HymnTPH #265

In Christ Alone

Closing Scripture and Prayer..... Numbers 6:24–26

- ²⁴ The LORD bless you and keep you;
- ²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
- ²⁶ the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.