

The following prayers were prepared by the Christian Life Committee for in-room devotions at the physical convention. While the time of your reading may not follow prescription, the heart of each prayer is appropriate at any time. God bless.

Friday Evening Room Devotion

by Myra Case

Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. *From Luther's Daily Prayers*

Here we are at the convention. Some of us have been preparing and looking toward this event for over a year. Others have been pressed upon more recently to carve out the weekend from a busy schedule. And now we are here. What can we expect?

We can certainly expect to listen. We will hear God's Word proclaimed in the worship and Bible studies at the convention, receiving comfort and reassurance. We will hear reports of past events and projects and give thanks for God's blessings through them. We will also hear of plans and preparations for "feet on the ground" activities that will give service to God and our neighbors, asking Him to bless our efforts. We will rejoice over the fellowship of our sisters with whom we are united in the faith, a grace-filled blessing. We will ask for God's guidance as we step into all the opportunities He has prepared for us. All of these blessings are God's gifts.

Heavenly Father, we will listen and look for the blessings. For all these gifts, we give God the glory. Amen.

Saturday Morning Room Devotion

by Alice Miesner

In John 20:24-27 doubting Thomas questions the other disciples about their "seeing" Jesus. He questioned their story because His faith was weak. True faith is trust. That is knowing that we can SEE where He is leading us. Living by faith and not by sight is believing the Lord will show us the way and take care of us.

If we go through life and try to face the unknown on our own, we may be tempted toward anxiety, but if we believe in Jesus Christ, we have hope and confidence of eternal life with Him. Let this hope give us faith and a vision to inspire us to faithful service. We thank God for this certainty to guide us in the right direction as we go into this day of making decisions for the LWML.

Heavenly Father, keep us mindful of your great love for all people. Help us to remember the many blessings you have given us. Amen.

Saturday Evening Room Devotion *by Pam Carlton*

As this day comes to an end, it is wonderful to reflect on how blessed we are that we “Walk by faith, not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7. Not only are we blessed by this faith we have been given through the Holy Spirit, but also we are blessed by God’s vision for us. Many times the Bible mentions his looking out for us.

No eye examination is necessary for our Father. His vision is perfect. Psalm 12:18 says, “The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. How comforting it that the Bible goes on to say “...I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.” Psalm 32:8. Even in our sinful nature God has His loving eye on us.

As we reach the end of another day, let us pray,” Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.” Psalm 19:14 Amen.

Sunday Morning Room Devotion *by Myra Case*

Every life is important to God. I know this because He has taken care of me on my journey. If I didn’t realize that truth during “significant times,” I know it now as I see how He has affected my life even in “regular times.”

And these truths I also believe: (You believe them too, and welcome receiving them again and again.) He loves us so much that He sent His Son to live perfectly for us --because we can’t. He came to die for the punishment of our sins, our wrongs and failures, and thereby give us salvation. As we walk the way through this life, He guides us to turn from wrongs and encourages the way of right. He forgives us when we stumble and loves us even more, I believe, when we come back to Him, in confession, thanksgiving and praise.

That’s our cycle on this side of heaven. And it’s a good cycle because it is a constant reminder of our dependency on Jesus our Savior, our need to listen to His Word, and the assurance that He will take us to heaven where more joy awaits than we can even imagine.

“I have loved you with an everlasting love, therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you” (Jeremiah 31”3b). Thanks be to God for the reminders we have heard at this convention! Let’s share those!

And now, let’s go to church!