

Required are:

- 15 minutes a day
- a set time schedule
- a devotion/spiritual leader
- a comfortable place
- a Bible, devotional, catechism, etc.
- a way to play music
- this devotional guide

DAILY DEVOTION

1. Opening Praise

Start with a worship song, a hymn, or reading a psalm together. (*You can just use voices, a musical instrument to assist, or sing along with a recorded song.*)

2. Invocation

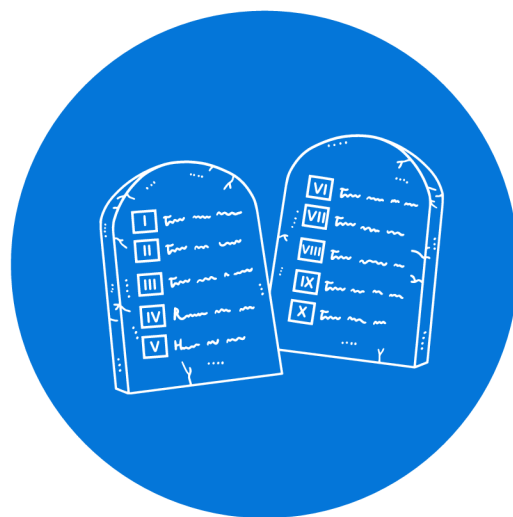
Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

3. Ten Commandments

Leader: Let us speak the Ten Commandments together:

- ALL:**
1. **You shall have no other gods.**
 2. **You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**
 3. **Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**
 4. **Honor your father and your mother.**
 5. **You shall not murder.**
 6. **You shall not commit adultery.**
 7. **You shall not steal.**
 8. **You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**
 9. **You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**
 10. **You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.**



Leader: How happy is the one who does not walk in the advice of the wicked or stand in the pathway with sinners or sit in the company of mockers.

All: Instead, his delight is in the Lord's instruction, and he meditates on it day and night.

Psalm 1:1-2 CSB

4. Reflection

Read and reflect on a Bible reading, a trusted devotion, the Small or Large Catechism, or the lyrics of a worship song or hymn. (Use what is age appropriate. Young children might benefit from a children's Bible with pictures.)

5. Apostles' Creed

Leader: Let us confess the Apostles' Creed together:

All:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

6. Prayers

Leader: Lord, hear our prayers.

Prayer Option 1,2, or 3...or your own option!

Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer may then be used.

Close with the Lord's Prayer.



8. Benediction

Leader: To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father—to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Rev 1:5-6 NIV

Lord Almighty, order our days and our lives in His peace.

All: Amen.

Prayer Options

1. The Leader asks for prayer requests and prays on behalf of all.
2. The Leader opens with a prayer. Then each person willing prays a petition to the Lord. The one praying at the time signals that they are finished by praying: "Lord in Your mercy" All respond with: "Hear our Prayer"
3. Popcorn Prayer. Similar to Option Two, like popcorn kernels pop randomly when making popcorn, the Leader opens with a prayer, others then pray as they feel drawn [pop!]. When one person finishes, the next person who would like to pray, then prays [pop!].

7. Lord's Prayer

Leader: Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

All:

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.

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Luther's Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.