

## **A Sampler of Daily Devotions Available Online (in no particular order)**

### **ELCA Daily Bible Readings**

<http://www.elca.org/Faith/DailyBible>

<http://listserv.elca.org/cgi-bin/wa.exe?SUBED1=bible-readings&A=1>

ELCA's daily Bible readings are chosen from "Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings," prepared by Consultation on the Common Texts, © 2005. These daily readings serve as a bridge from one Sunday to the next. Monday through Wednesday reflect on the previous Sunday. Thursday through Saturday anticipate the coming Sunday.

### **God Pause**

<http://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/promote.aspx>

God Pause devotions are short, meaningful reflections on the following Sunday's lessons and gospel. By Sunday, you'll be ready for an extra meaningful worship experience.

Devotion writers are Luther Seminary alumni. Their reflections are a gift to you and to the church.

### **Family Weekly Devotions**

<http://Faithformationjourneys.org>

Our goal is to offer a devotional flyer that has something for everyone and for every household. We have included daily readings that reflect back and look ahead to Sunday's lectionary readings which are longer readings more suitable for adults and youth. There is a seasonal service project that is tackled in small steps over several weeks. One the back is a family friendly "Dinner Devotion" looking at a new story each week. You are welcome to download the pdf file a reproduce it for your bulletins or study groups.

### **Family Devotions and Resources**

<http://www.vibrantfaithathome.org>

Vibrant Faith Ministries is a group who provide resources, coaching and support to congregations in designing, developing and implementing ministry through the lifespan with a focus on incorporating children of all ages into faith life. This website is chock full of resources and material tailored for almost any family constellation. At core is the commitment that faith is something best nurtured at home. Check it out for resources that may fit best for you.

**Moravian Daily Texts**

[www.moravian.org/faith-a-congregations/an-introduction-to-the-daily-texts-2/](http://www.moravian.org/faith-a-congregations/an-introduction-to-the-daily-texts-2/)

The Moravian Church (a relative of Lutherans) produces a booklet with a few scripture verses and prayer for each day. Visit the site above to learn more, and click the link at the bottom right to sign up to receive them each day by e-mail.

**Bible Gateway**

[www.biblegateway.com/newsletters.](http://www.biblegateway.com/newsletters.)

Offers a wide variety of e-mail subscriptions. You may sign up for “Verse of the Day” for a daily scripture verse similar to Stop2Pray, a “Reading Plan” to help you read through the entire Bible, or sign up for a daily devotional that offers more reflection on the scriptures. Sign up at

**Richard Rohr’s Daily Meditations**

<https://cac.org/richard-rohr/daily-meditations>

More than 150,000 people around the globe receive Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations. CAC has been sending these free email studies every day since 2008.

- Sign up to receive these free, life-giving meditations by email. You can choose to receive the messages every day or a summary (with links to each individual meditation) at the end of every week.

- You can find the Daily Meditations on CAC's Facebook page and by following @CACRadicalGrace on Twitter.

**Parker Palmer Weekly Meditations**

<http://www.onbeing.org/column/parker-j-palmer>

Parker Palmer is a columnist for *On Being*. His column appears every Wednesday. This is not emailed out, but from facebook, it can be found by “liking” the OnBeing page.

He is a Quaker elder, educator, activist, and founder of the Center for Courage & Renewal. His books include *Healing the Heart of Democracy*, *A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward an Undivided Life*, and *Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation*.

### **Bread for the Journey, Daily Meditations from Henri Nouwen**

<http://henrinouwen.org/resources/daily-meditation/>

Drawn from Henri Nouwen's *Bread for the Journey: A Daybook of Wisdom and Faith* (Harper Collins, 1997), these short meditations will inspire and guide your mind and heart.

Simply indicate that you wish to receive the daily meditations and/or the weekly Advent and Lenten reflections and HenriNouwen.org will be pleased to send them to the e-mail address of your choice. Each reflection takes less than a minute to read and yet it can set the tone for your day. It will be waiting for you when you wake up in the morning or when you arrive in your office. Feed your spirit and nourish your soul.

### **“In the meantime...” by David Lose**

[www.davidlose.net](http://www.davidlose.net)

This website is full of a variety of writings. Among them are reflections to assist preachers in their thinking about the texts for the coming Sunday. These can be valuable pieces to assist reflection by any faithful follower of Jesus.

Dr. Lose writes:

A lot of life that is about waiting. Waiting until you're old enough to drive, or go off to college, or marry the love of your life, or.... You get the picture. The life of faith is something like that, too. Theologians are fond of saying we live in the “in-between” time of Christ's first coming and Christ's return. Much, we pray, will be made right when Christ comes again. But that doesn't mean we don't have anything to do “in the meantime.” Whatever end awaits us, in the meantime we can care for those around us, have courage, share hope, love those around us, strive for what is best, and a whole host of other things.

But that can be hard. As W.H. Auden once wrote, the time being can be “the hardest time of all.” So I wanted to create a place where we can encourage each other in faith and life...in the meantime.

### **Praying the Daily Offices: Morning Prayer, Mid-day Prayer and Evening Prayer**

<http://thetrinitymission.org>

The Trinity Mission works to make ancient Christian formation more accessible to the modern believer. Since January 1st, 2013 we have been providing the Audio Daily Office and other prayer podcasts. We also offer various print resources for use in the home as well as online and print resources for local parishes to use in their work of forming their community around a habit of daily prayer and meditation on the Scriptures. There is also an option to subscribe by RSS feed or iTunes podcast.

### **A Sampler of original composition Contemporary Liturgical music**

<http://www.nemercy.org/category/liturgy/>

Mercy Seat is a church in the Twin Cities that features a variety of original composition liturgies throughout the church year. Mercy Seat hosts this webpage where samples of the liturgical music can be heard. For those seeking aural cues to meditation and prayer, this can be one source.

### **Smartphone Apps:**

#### **Verse-A-Day**

Make this app the first thing you reach for every morning, your go-to prayer at lunch, or a simple start before you turn the keys of the car. Each day you receive a new Bible verse delivered in a clean, simple format. You also have the option to click “show commentary” to read a short reflection on the verse.

#### **3-Minute Retreat**

Sometimes you only have 3 minutes of peace. Spend it with God using this app. Every day is a new retreat, which begins with a Bible verse, followed by a short reflection and simple questions to help you relate it back to your own life. It concludes with a short prayer.

#### **Echo Prayer**

Have a mental list of people you are praying for? Use this app to easily add their name and a prayer description to your list. Set a prayer reminder such as: “Grandma--surgery, Thursday @ 10am” to help you pray for someone at a certain time of day, or set it simply to remind you to pray. For something even simpler, you can set a recurring alarm on your phone’s clock app to remind you the same time each day to stop and pray.

### **Facebook Pages:**

#### **Prayers on the Prairie**

Christian life reflections from the prairies of the Midwest, through prayer and photography.

### **Seasonal Resources:**

#### **Lent Madness**

<http://www.lentmadness.org>

Lent Madness is the brainchild of two Episcopal priests who have developed a whimsical approach to Lenten Devotions. Each year they create a bracket in the manner of NCAA March Madness basketball brackets. Then each day during Lent, they offer brief biographies of various saints of the church—two each day—and invite participants to vote for their favored saint to move on. It is ridiculous. It is educational. It is wisdom. It is fun. They offer three ways to participate: website, email and Facebook.