

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 95:6-7

- 6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

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:..... Heidelberg Catechism, Qs. 86–91

Scripture Reading Psalm 138

Devotion Pastor Jeffrey Carter

"The Thankful, Hopeful, and Confident Christian"

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

Outline: As Christians we have every reason to:

1. Give Thanks with Our Whole Heart
2. Look to the Future with Hope
3. Walk in the Present with Confidence

Questions for Reflection:

1. What's the relationship between thankfulness and your growth in grace?
2. Who are the 'gods' of verse 1?
3. What's the relationship between thankfulness and worship?
4. What's the difference between optimism and hope?
5. How does the Gospel lead us to think about the future?
6. What sort of "trouble" do we find ourselves in as Christians living in this present evil age?
7. How ought we pray in light of verse 8?
8. How might you grow in thankfulness, hope, and confidence before the Lord?

Closing Hymn TPH #138A

With All My Heart My Thanks I Bring

Closing Scripture and Prayer 2 Corinthians 13:14

¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Scripture Readings for the Week

To build on your understanding of God's Word, read the following passages and reflect on what they tell you about Jesus himself, the Father, your own life, and your salvation.

For the week ahead, spend some time in the Psalms of Ascent. These songs were sung by pilgrims traveling to Jerusalem to worship God by keeping festival. They are eminently important for understanding the Christian life, since we live as pilgrims in this present evil age.

Monday: Psalms 120–121

Tuesday: Psalms 122–124

Wednesday: Psalms 125 – 126

Thursday: Psalms 127–129

Friday: Psalms 130–132

Saturday: Psalms 133–134