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Daily Devotionals

November 17-23, 2025

Devotions are prepared for you to use in your Quiet Time with the Lord and are designed to prepare you for the sermon next Sunday.

Monday, Nov. 17 **Christ Our Strength**

Scripture: Isaiah 40:28-31 and Colossians 1:11-20

When Paul prayed that believers would be “strengthened with all power according to God’s glorious might”, he wasn’t talking about muscle or endurance. He was describing the inner strength that comes when God fills us with His Spirit. The world tells us to push harder and do more, but God invites us to rest in Him. When we trust in His timing and grace, He can make us new again.

Prayer: Lord, when I grow weary, lift me by Your strength and help me soar again.

Tuesday, Nov. 18 **Christ the Light of the World**

Scripture: John 8:12 and Colossians 1:11-20

Colossians reminds us that all things were created through Christ and for Him. In Jesus, the light of creation still shines. All of that light comes to us and helps us to push back on the darkness of this world. When we walk with Christ, His light shows us the next step, even if we can’t see the whole path. His light not only guides us but also transforms us.

Prayer: Jesus, shine Your light in my heart today and guide my steps in Your truth.

Wednesday, Nov. 19 **Christ the Peacemaker**

Scripture: Ephesians 2:13-16 and Colossians 1:11-20

Through the cross, Jesus destroyed the barriers that separate us—from God and from one another. The peace He offers is not just the absence of conflict but the presence of reconciliation. In a divided world, Christ invites us to be peacemakers—to extend the same grace we have received. When we let His peace rule in our hearts, it changes how we see and treat others.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, make me an instrument of Your peace. Let Your reconciling love work through me.

Thursday Nov. 20 **Christ the Creator and Sustainer**

Scripture: John 1:3-4 and Colossians 1:11-20

Jesus was there in the beginning, speaking creation into being. But He didn’t stop there—He continues to sustain all things, holding the universe, including us, together. When chaos seems like it is starting to bury us, we can trust that He is still in control. The One who created galaxies also holds your heart in His hands. Nothing that happens today changes the love He has for you.

Prayer: Creator Christ, hold me together today by Your grace and strength.

Friday, Nov. 21 **Christ the Head of the Church**

Scripture: Ephesians 1:18-23 and Colossians 1:11-20

The Church belongs to Jesus—He is its head, its heartbeat, and its hope. When we follow His lead, the church becomes what it’s meant to be: a living body, working together in love. Each person has a place and a purpose in His plan. When we stay connected to Christ, our efforts bear fruit, and our differences become strengths.

Prayer: Lord, be the head and heart of our church. Lead us in Your ways of love.

Saturday, Nov. 22 **Christ the Reconciler of All Things**

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:16-19 and Colossians 1:11-20

Colossians says that through Jesus, God was pleased to reconcile all things—heaven and earth, people and creation. That same work continues through us. Every time we forgive, reach out, or show compassion, we join Christ in His mission to heal what sin has broken. Reconciliation isn’t just a big idea—it’s a daily choice to live as peacemakers in a hurting world.

Prayer: God, thank You for reconciling me through Christ. Help me to carry Your peace into the world.

Sunday, Nov. 23 **Christ the Center**

Worship at 10:00am

Colossians 1:11-20
by Pastor Clint Phillips