

An explanation and a prayer

It is in times like these, when our veneer of control and self-sufficiency has been stripped away, that we are reminded to run to our Savior for strength and help, knowing that it is in him alone that we find true meaning, life, hope, and a glorious future. While we are unable to meet together for Bible study and worship, this guide is meant to be a meaningful tool for you and your family to use to stay grounded in the Word and to help us all grow in our faith as we face challenging and uncertain days ahead.

Each day in the Daily Guide provides a Scripture reading, a short devotion, a hymn, a prayer, and a catechism to speak out loud together. The hymns and songs are chosen from the many that we sing in worship on Sunday mornings and evenings. Most may be found in the *Trinity Hymnal* (<https://hymnary.org/hymnal/TH1990>) or the *Indelible Grace Hymnbook* (<http://hymnbook.igracemusic.com/>). If you are unfamiliar with any of them, you may want to search online to listen and sing along. The catechism will stay the same for a period of time so that you can ponder its meaning and commit it to memory, drawing strength from the firm bedrock of your faith. We encourage you to make this a part of your daily routine as an individual or as a family. If you live alone, we encourage you to go through it with a friend over the phone, to help you not feel isolated and remain connected to your church family.

On Sundays, we hope you will access the bulletin online and view our live-streamed worship service, which you may find at www.ipcmemphis.org. For those unable to access online services, please contact the church office so that we may help you (901) 685-8206.

O Lord, may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you. May you meet us in the swirl of emotions and in the snarl of providence in ways that allow us to know that you love us and are for us in Jesus Christ. And may your name be vindicated throughout the earth as the one true God and Father through Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit, Amen.



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