



**January 27, 2019**

**Matthew 5:1-20**

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

**O Lord, your son came as the fulfillment of your law. Continue to lift up all who are oppressed in this world, that they might know your blessing and receive the joy you have promised. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



**Read:** Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

***"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."*** (Matthew 5:6-9)



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**Crowds gather in increasing number to hear the great teacher's words. But they may find themselves surprised by his reversal of the expected world order.**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**How do the guidelines in Jesus' sermon shape your community? Which are necessary today? Which have been adjusted to reflect the modern era? How can a community remain faithful to God's laws?**

**How has God blessed you? How do you think Jesus would describe you in your current state of life?**

**For the littles: Jesus liked to teach people about God. What is your favorite thing to learn about?**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God bless you in whatever stage of life you are in. Amen.**



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Set this week's grocery budget at half of what you normally spend. Find ways to provide for yourself and/or your household with this lowered budget. Reflect on the challenges and joys of this activity.**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

Monday, Psalm 1:1-3, *Psalm*

Tuesday, Matthew 5:21-26, *Concerning Anger*

Wednesday, Matthew 5:27-32, *Concerning Adultery and Divorce*

Thursday, Matthew 5:33-42, *Concerning Oaths and Retaliation*

Friday, Matthew 5:43-48, *Love for Enemies*

Saturday, Matthew 6:1-6, *Concerning Almsgiving*

**Next Week: Matthew 6:7-21 (25-34), *The Lord's Prayer***