



December 2, 2018

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; 3:[3b-6], 17-19

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



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

God, we are sometimes impatient for you to act according to your vision for the earth. Give us wisdom to see your will unfolding, and boldness to be a part of your solution. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

(Habakkuk 1:2-3)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Habakkuk cannot bear the injustice he sees in the world, with seemingly no relief in sight. Where is God when one needs a swift and almighty solution? We might well ask the same.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household or community.

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

In what ways is your community in exile? Where do you feel your community is isolated from God? Where do you feel it is close to God?

When has your faith in God been tested? In what ways have your beliefs changed as you learn and grow?

For the littles: What makes you sad? God is with us when we're sad.



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God lift you up on sad days. Amen.



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

Hold a prayer vigil for your community and those communities around you.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Monday, Habakkuk 1:5-11, *The Prophet's Complaint*

Tuesday, Habakkuk 1:12—2:1, *The Prophet's Complaint*

Wednesday, Habakkuk 2:5-14, *The Woes of the Wicked*

Thursday, Habakkuk 2:15-20, *The Woes of the Wicked*

Friday, Habakkuk 3:1-7, *The Woes of the Wicked*

Saturday, Habakkuk 3:8-16, *The Woes of the Wicked*

Next Week, Esther 4:1-17, *Esther Leads*