



March 31, 2019

Matthew 25:1-13

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



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

O Lord, you bid us stay alert and active in the work of your kingdom. Keep us focused on things which matter, awaiting your return with eagerness and longing. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.



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

"Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Matthew 25:13)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus continues showing his illustrations of God's kingdom. This time, it's foolish vs. wise bridesmaids. Will you be prepared when the critical moment arrives, or will you let it slip away?



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

Do people live as if Jesus might return any day? How might your community look different if people behaved as if Jesus was on his way?

What is one thing you can change about your routine or behaviors so that you are behaving as if Jesus was going to return at any moment?

For the littles: Is waiting easy or hard? Why? Jesus can give us patience as we wait.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.



May God grant you patience. Amen.

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



Make a bucket list of 5-10 things you would like to do before Jesus' return. Challenge yourself to plan and do one of the things on your list. Consider how the items on your list benefit others, and how they might change you for the better.

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



devotions on the daily readings.

Monday, Psalm 43:3-4, *Psalm*

Tuesday, Matthew 22:15-33, *Questions for Jesus*

Wednesday, Matthew 22:34-46, *The Greatest Commandment*

Thursday, Matthew 23:1-36, *Woes*

Friday, Matthew 23:37-39, *Lament over Jerusalem*

Saturday, Matthew 24:1-28, *Teachings of Jesus*

Next Week: Matthew 25:31-46, *When Did We See You?*