



March 19, 2023, Bridesmaids (or Talents)

Matthew 25:1-13 (or Matthew 25:14-30)

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



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of promise, we wait for the time when all the world shall know your perfect peace and justice, and you shall reign over all creation in love. Keep us alert and active in your work while we wait, in Jesus name. 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.

Ten brides waiting on a bridegroom. Five were prepared. Five were not, and they missed their opportunity. Will you be ready?



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*