



**November 17, 2024, 26th Sunday after**

**Pentecost**

**Mark 13:1-8**

*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 the beginning and of the end, you ask us to put our trust not in worldly things, but in heavenly things. As we navigate the challenges of daily life and the much larger challenges faced by our communities and all creation, give us confidence in your power and grace, that we might live into our faith each day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

*"For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs." (Mark 13:8)*



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

A disciple was adoring the grand appearance of the temple, but Jesus declared to him that the temple would come to its destruction. When his disciples inquired him about the sign of such destruction, Jesus exhorted them to be alert to the confusion and calamities that would take place in the future.



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

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What is the most magnificent piece of architecture that you've experienced? What made it special? How is it significant to you?
- Where do you think God is leading your life? Will there be twists and turns? Will there be inspiration and direction?
- For the littles: What's the biggest building you've ever been in? Did you like it?



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

May God topple buildings to bring you on even grander journeys. Amen.



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

Take a look at the events of 2024. Compare them to the events at this time in 2023. Consider how your life has changed in just one year. Consider how your life might change in the next year.



**Go Deeper:** Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 3; 1 Samuel 3:19-4:2; Hebrews 10:26-31

Tuesday, Psalm 3; Deuteronomy 26:5-10; Hebrews 10:32-39

Wednesday, Psalm 3; 1 Kings 8:22-30; Mark 13:9-23

Thursday, Psalm 132:1-12; 2 Kings 22:1-10; Acts 7:54-8:1a

Friday, Psalm 132:1-12; 2 Kings 22:11-20; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Saturday, Psalm 132:1-12; 2 Kings 23:1-14; John 3:31-36