



Spirit of the Lord upon Me

December 13, 2020

Isaiah 61:1-11

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



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

Faithful God, you restore to your people all that has been lost. Renew our hopes for the future and our zeal for serving you as chosen and beloved children, through Jesus Christ. Amen.



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

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. (Isaiah 61:10)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Although Israel had sinned and was exiled, God still promised a better future. One day God would adorn the people with salvation and righteousness.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

What do you wear? What does your attire say about you? What do you want the world to know about you?

What binds you? What prevents you from being all that God has created you to be? What can you do this week to accept God's freedom from the burden of your bondage?

For the littles: Have you ever been to a wedding? What was your favorite part?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God free you to be who you were created to be. Amen.



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

Stick a bunch of dollar bills (you decide how many) in your wallet, pocket, or purse. Every time you pass a Salvation Army kettle, put in a dollar. If you shop online, donate a dollar to your favorite charity for every gift you purchase. As you do, remember every positive act you do for the world helps make it the new creation God desires.

Go Deeper: Visit clergystuff.com/daily-devotions.

Monday: *God Is Gracious*, Isaiah 63:7-14

Tuesday: *Prayer of Repentance*, Isaiah 63:15-64:12

Wednesday: *New Creation*, Isaiah 65:17-25

Thursday: *Edom's Betrayal and Israel's Restoration*, Obadiah 1:1-21

Friday: *Jerusalem's Victory*, Zechariah 12:1-13:1

Saturday: *The Coming Messenger*, Malachi 3:1-7