



March 17, 2024, End of the Age

Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

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.

*"But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory." Mark 13:24-26*



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

Jesus foretells of the end of the world as his disciples know it and calls them to stay vigilant in anticipation.



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

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What was the first instance of "world-ending, mass panic" that you remember? Were you sucked in to the hysteria? What helped calm your heart?
- What do you worry about? Does faith help calm those fears? What can you do to ease your worry?
- For the littles: What wakes you up each day? God is just as dependable!



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

May you find peace in the life of day to day, trusting that God will keep you in the fold even at the end. Amen.



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

Do some research on the end-of-the-world predictions and put together a social media post or newsletter article assuring people that only God knows when the world will end—and we can enjoy the day-to-day instead of worrying!



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday, Mark 13:9-13, *Persecution Foretold*

Tuesday, Mark 13:14-23, *The Desolating Sacrilege*

Wednesday, Mark 14:1-2, *The Plot to Kill Jesus*

Thursday, Mark 14:10-11, *Jesus Agrees to Betray Jesus*

Friday, Mark 15:1-5, *Jesus before Pilate*

Saturday, Mark 15:6-15, *Pilate Hands Jesus over to Be Crucified*