



September 27, 2026, Joseph in Prison

Genesis 39:1-23

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 with us, your presence never fails, even in the midst of challenges or crises. Stir up in us your fire for truth and make us willing to risk for the sake of the flourishing of others, trusting that you are with us in all things. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper. (Genesis 39:23)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Joseph's life bounced often from turmoil to blessing. God continued to bless Joseph even as he was falsely imprisoned, and God sent people to intervene on Joseph's behalf.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What systems are in place in your community that serve to oppress? What systems deliver from oppression?
- How does God bless others through you? What gifts do you bring to those around you?
- For the littles: Play and pretend you are in jail. How does it feel to be locked up? God can set us free!



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God set you free. Amen.



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

Use your gifts to serve others this week. If you play an instrument, play it at a nursing home. If you are good with finances, offer to help someone manage their debt. Be creative! God gave you your gifts for a purpose!



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday, Genesis 50:15-21, *Joseph Forgives His Brothers*

Tuesday, Genesis 50:22-26, *Joseph's Death*

Wednesday, Exodus 1:1-22, *Oppression of the Israelites*

Thursday, Exodus 3:1-12, *Moses at the Burning Bush*

Friday, Exodus 12:29-32, *The Tenth Plague: Death of the Firstborn*

Saturday, Exodus 13:17-22, *The Pillars of Cloud and Fire*