Prayer & Scripture Reading November 29, 2026

Prayer for Understanding

Gracious God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

As we turn to the Scriptures this morning, open our hearts and minds to hear your voice. Through your Holy Spirit, help us understand the words of Jesus and discover what they mean for our lives today.

Where there is fear, give us courage. Where there is uncertainty, strengthen our faith. Where there is discouragement, renew our hope.

Teach us to recognize your presence even when we cannot see what you are doing. Help us to remain watchful, faithful and ready to serve as we await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May your Word challenge us, encourage us and transform us into faithful disciples.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Scripture Reading: Mark 13:24-37

24 "But in those days, following that distress,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light;

25 the stars will fall from the sky,

and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'

26 "At that time people will see the Son of Man

coming in clouds with great power and glory.

27 And he will send his angels and gather his elect

from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to

the ends of the heavens.

28 "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As

soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come

out, you know that summer is near. [29] Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. [30] Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. [31] Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

The Day and Hour Unknown

[32] "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. [33] Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. [34] It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his

servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

35 "Therefore, keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. 36 If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping.

37 What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.