



November 27, 2022, Advent I: Faith as a Way of Life
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; 3:[3b-6], 17-19

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 grace and mercy, with Habakkuk we cry out to you in despair at the evil in the world. As we begin our waiting for your promised savior, give us hope that all will be made right in you. Amen.



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

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. (Habakkuk 1:2-3)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

The prophet Habakkuk saw violence and destruction all around him. Yet he chose to rejoice in a God of strength, beauty, and love.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- In what ways is your community in exile? Where do you feel your community is isolated from God? Where do you feel it is close to God?
- When has your faith in God been tested? In what ways have your beliefs changed as you learn and grow?
- For the littles: What makes you sad? God is with us when we're sad.



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God lift you up on sad days. Amen.



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

Hold a prayer vigil for your community and those communities around you.



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

Monday, Habakkuk 1:5-11, *The Prophet's Complaint*
Tuesday, Habakkuk 1:12—2:1, *The Prophet's Complaint*
Wednesday, Habakkuk 2:5-14, *The Woes of the Wicked*
Thursday, Habakkuk 2:15-20, *The Woes of the Wicked*
Friday, Habakkuk 3:1-7, *The Woes of the Wicked*
Saturday, Habakkuk 3:8-16, *The Woes of the Wicked*