



Dishtowel Devotions A Homemaker's Weekly Work Schedule

(My mother has dish towels she embroidered for her "Hope Chest" when she was a young girl. I used them as a visual aid to match this devotion. That brought back memories for others.)

All Bible references are New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise indicated.

Monday is Wash Day

"Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

Isaiah 1:18

Lord, thank You for washing away all our sins with Your suffering, death, and resurrection. Help us to daily remember that we are washed clean from all our sins because You made us Your child through the water and Word at our baptism. Amen.

Tuesday is Ironing Day

I will ... make the rough places smooth. Isaiah 42:16

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:12-14

Heavenly Father, help us iron away all the wrinkles of sin in our lives. When our lives are rough, bumpy, and hard, let us keep our eyes on You as You smooth out those times in our lives, reminding us of Your presence and that You will never leave us nor forsake us. May we glide along in Your mercy and love. Help us to never weary of following You, but always help us to press on until You are ready to adorn us with the crown of eternal life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Wednesday is Mending Day

He heals the heartbroken and bandages their wounds. Psalm 147:3 (The Message, MSG)

Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. Hosea 6:1

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. Psalm 103:12

Dear Lord Jesus, by Your great sacrifice, You mended our sinful lives and made us whole. Thank you for not just patching us up, but for making us brand-new by the shedding of your blood. You remove the sins that tear our lives apart. Jesus, You are **so** good, **so** good to us. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Thursday is Shopping Day

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Matthew 13:44

O Triune God, give us the grace to shop wisely so we may be good stewards of all Your gifts. Help us to remember that nothing has more value than Your love for us and spending eternity with you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Friday is Cleaning Day

All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. Isaiah 64:6

Jesus Savior, help us to dust into the open all the many faults we have been hiding in the secret corners of our hearts. Through Your painful suffering and death for our sins, You swept them away. Give us a grateful heart for Your indescribable gift of eternity with You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Saturday is Baking Day

David says: *My companion attacks his friends; he violates his covenant; His speech is smooth as butter, yet war is in his heart; his words are more soothing than oil, yet they are drawn swords.* Psalm 55:20-21

But, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, good-ness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

Help us, Jesus, to be sincere in our relationships with others. Let our speech be gracious and our words full of compassion, just as You would speak to others. Fill our heart and home with the sweet aroma of Your fruit of the Spirit. In Your name. Amen.

Sunday is Rest Day

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Exodus 20:8-11

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100:1-5

O Great Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, just as You created the world in six days and rested on the seventh day, help us to remember that You commanded a day of rest for our souls, bodies, and minds. Through Your love, You know that we need this rest. Work in our hearts that we eagerly attend worship and Bible study and so sing Your praises twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

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