



December 14, 2025, Advent III

Word Accomplishes God's Purpose, Isaiah 55:1-13

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Holy God, you send out your Word of life into the world that it would accomplish your purpose of redemption for all of creation. So transform us by this Word that we might deeply internalize it and live our lives according to its guidance. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. (Is 55:10-11)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Isaiah's eloquent prophecy rolls off the tongue like poetry. But more than just beautiful words, it paints a vivid illustration of a world restored, and good that triumphs over evil.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Do you feel that God takes care of your needs? Why or why not?
- How does a word "accomplish that which I purpose"? (Go out into the world and return full.) Just how powerful are words?
- For the littles: Do you like to talk a lot or a little?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless your words going out and coming in. Amen.



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

Plant a wildflower seed in a pot and imagine it is God's loving Word. Tend and care for it and watch it grow into something beautiful. When the flowers eventually bloom, preserve them by drying or pressing and display them as a reminder of God's redeeming love.



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

Monday: *God's People Are Comforted*, Isaiah 40:1-11

Tuesday: *The Suffering Servant*, Isaiah 53:2-12

Wednesday: *A Promise of Help and Healing*, Isaiah 57:14-21

Thursday: *Injustice and Oppression to Be Punished*, Isaiah 59:1-8

Friday: *The Good News of Deliverance*, Isaiah 61:1-13

Saturday: *The Glorious New Creation*, Isaiah 65:17-25