

## MORNING WATCH

For December 21 – 24, 2020, 9:10 a.m.

Based on: A Guide to Prayer for All Who Walk with God  
By Rueben P. Job, Norman Shawchuck, John S. Mogabgab  
Chapter #4: Welcome the Stranger

### Read Ahead: Daily Scripture Readings

- All Week Psalm 81
- Monday Exodus 23:1-9
- Tuesday Genesis 19:1-13
- Wednesday Psalm 121
- Thursday Jeremiah 7:1-7

### Read Ahead: From the Daily Readings for Reflection

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| • Monday    | Foxes have holes...        | John Mogabgab    |
| • Tuesday   | Our Wednesday night...     | Janet Wolf       |
| • Wednesday | Each of us is a mystery... | Elizabeth Canham |
| • Thursday  | The biblical mandate...    | Robert Morris    |

### Opening Affirmation

He was despised and avoided by others; a man who suffered, who knew sickness well. –  
He bore the punishment that made us whole; by his wounds we are healed (Isa. 53:3, 5).

### Psalm Prayer

Holy God, your ways are strange to us, and the language of radical love you speak is unfamiliar to our ears. Help us to welcome your presence among us and to receive your word as the finest food for nourishing a generous spirit within us. Amen.

### Daily Scripture Reading

### Daily Reading for Reflection

### Personal Reflections

### Prayers

### Our Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### Closing Words

Blessing

May the God who became a stranger so that we could become friends with God and one another transform our wary hearts into welcoming ones. Amen.

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