

Open Heaven 16 June 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 16 June 2026 devotional for today is THE LIVING DEAD.

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OPEN HEAVEN 16 JUNE 2026 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: THE LIVING DEAD

MEMORISE:

I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
Psalm 16:8

READ: 1 Corinthians 11:24-26

24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.
25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.
26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lordâ??s death till he come.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 16 JUNE 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

In John 6:53, Jesus Christ said that only those who partake of His flesh and blood will have life in them. This implies that anyone who does not accept Him as his or her Lord and Saviour is as good as dead.

Such people may seem to be alive, but really, there is no life in them, and it would be correct to refer to them as the â??living deadâ??.

As we see in todayâ??s Bible reading, Jesus Christ instituted the Lordâ??s Supper, also known as the Holy Communion, to illustrate the eating of His flesh and drinking of His blood. He shared bread and wine with His disciples that night, describing it as the new covenant in His blood. Partaking of the flesh and blood of Jesus gives us life as Christians, and this is why the Holy Communion is such a powerful meal.

The Lord Jesus also commanded His disciples to continue having the meal in remembrance of Him until His return. So, as often as we believers partake of the Holy Communion, we bring the sacrifice of our Lord and Saviour to remembrance.

This has several benefits for us believers, one of which is that it helps us to keep Him before us at all times. This means that as a believer, when Christ is always before you, satan has no chance to attack you.

As we see in todayâ??s memory verse, David said that he had set the Lord always before him, and because He was at his right hand, he would not be moved. This was the confidence David had that nothing could shake him since the Lord was always before him. When you partake of the Holy Communion often and worthily, you will be secured from evil and surrounded by favour because the Lord will always be before you.

Apart from those who do not partake of the flesh and blood of Jesus, those who do so while wallowing in sin can also be referred to as the â??living dead. This is because, as they partake of the Holy Communion, God is right before them, and they incur His wrath because they are living in sin.

This can also make such persons sickly and even cost them their lives (1 Corinthians 11:29-30).

Beloved, donâ??t be among the â??living deadâ??. Accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour if you havenâ??t, stay away from sin, and always make the best of the privilege to sit at the Lordâ??s table as often as you can.

KEY POINT:

Those who reject the sacrifice of Jesus are the living dead.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Psalms 62-68

Open Heavens Hymn: All to Jesus, I surrender

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 16 JUNE 2026 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Psalm 16:8

> *â??I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.â?•*

The word â??alwaysâ?• means continuously, unceasingly, without interruption. David was not a man who thought about God only in the temple or only in crisis. He had cultivated a lifestyle of constant awareness of Godâ??s presence. Because the Lord was at his right hand (the position of power, advocacy, and protection), David could declare with confidence: *â??I shall not be moved.â?•* The Holy Communion, Daddy Adeboye explains, is a divinely ordained tool to help believers maintain this constant awareness of Christ.

BIBLE READING: 1 Corinthians 11:24-26

> *â??And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lordâ??s death till he come.â?•*

This passage records the institution of the Lordâ??s Supper (Holy Communion). Jesus took bread, broke it, and called it His body. He took the cup, called it His blood, the new covenant. Then He gave a command: *â??This do in remembrance of me.â?•* The word â??remembranceâ?• is not mere mental recall. It is a re-presentation, a making present of the power of His sacrifice.

The Living Dead: Those Without Christ

1. Jesusâ?? Shocking Statement (John 6:53)

Daddy Adeboye begins with a startling declaration from Jesus:

> *â??In John 6:53, Jesus Christ said that only those who partake of His flesh and blood will have life in them. This implies that anyone who does not accept Him as his or her Lord and Saviour is as good as dead.â?•*

John 6:53 â?? *â??Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.â?•*

The Unbelieverâ??s Condition	Description
Physically alive	Breathing, walking, talking, functioning
Spiritually dead	Separated from God, no eternal life
The â??living deadâ?•	Alive in body, dead in soul

> *â??Such people may seem to be alive, but really, there is no life in them, and it would be correct to refer to them as the â??living deadâ??.â?•*

This is a sobering designation. The world looks at an unbeliever and sees a vibrant, active human being. God looks at the same person and sees a corpseâ??walking, talking, but dead in trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1). The only remedy is partaking of Christâ??s flesh and blood, which happens first through faith (accepting His sacrifice) and then through the Holy Communion.

2. The Holy Communion: The Meal of Life

> *â??Partaking of the flesh and blood of Jesus gives us life as Christians, and this is why the Holy Communion is such a powerful meal.â?•*

Element	Symbolism	Spiritual Reality
Bread	Body of Jesus	Broken for our healing, wholeness, and life
Wine (cup)	Blood of Jesus	Shed for the forgiveness of sins, new covenant

The Holy Communion is not a mere memorial service. It is not a sad ritual or a religious obligation. It is a *life-giving meal*. When you partake worthily, you are not just remembering something that happened 2,000 years ago. You are spiritually feeding on Christ, and His life flows into you.

The Command: Remember Until He Comes

1. The Purpose of the Communion

> *â??The Lord Jesus also commanded His disciples to continue having the meal in remembrance of Him until His return.â?•*

The Communion serves multiple purposes:

Purpose	Explanation
Remembrance	We consciously recall Christâ??s sacrifice, preventing it from becoming distant or abstract

Purpose	Explanation
Proclamation	We â??show the Lordâ??s death till he comeâ?• â?? the Communion is a visible sermon to the world and to the spiritual realm
Anticipation	We look forward to His return, when we will feast with Him in the kingdom
Communion	We fellowship with Christ and with other believers around His table

2. How Communion Keeps Christ Before You

> *â??One of [the benefits] is that it helps us to keep Him before us at all times. This means that as a believer, when Christ is always before you, satan has no chance to attack you.â?•*

Daddy Adeboye connects the Holy Communion directly to the memory verse:

> *â??David said that he had set the Lord always before him, and because He was at his right hand, he would not be moved. This was the confidence David had that nothing could shake him since the Lord was always before him.â?•*

Without Christ Before You	With Christ Before You
Satan has opportunities to attack	Satan has no chance (the Lord is your shield)
You are easily moved by circumstances	You shall not be moved (stable, grounded)
Fear and anxiety dominate	Confidence and peace reign
You forget Godâ??s faithfulness	You constantly remember His sacrifice

> *â??When you partake of the Holy Communion often and worthily, you will be secured from evil and surrounded by favour because the Lord will always be before you.â?•*

Notice the phrase â??often and worthily.â?• Frequency matters. The early church broke bread daily (Acts 2:46). The Communion is not just for Easter, Christmas, or monthly memorial services. It is a frequent, even regular, means of grace.

The Danger: Partaking Unworthily (The Other Living Dead)

1. The Wrath of God on Sinful Partakers

Daddy Adeboye issues a second warning:

> *â??Apart from those who do not partake of the flesh and blood of Jesus, those who do so while wallowing in sin can also be referred to as the â??living dead.â?? This is because, as they partake of the Holy Communion, God is right before them, and they incur His wrath because they are living in sin.â?•*

There are two categories of â??living deadâ?•:

Category	Description	Consequence
The unbeliever	Never accepted Christ; spiritually dead	No life in them; condemned already (John 3:18)
The unworthy partaker	Believes but lives in unrepentant sin; takes Communion casually	Eats and drinks judgment; incurs Godâ??s wrath

â?•This can also make such persons sickly and even cost them their lives (1 Corinthians 11:29-30).â?•

1 Corinthians 11:29-30 â?? *â??For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lordâ??s body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.â?•*

This is a terrifying passage. Paul says that because some Corinthians were partaking of the Communion without examining themselves, without discerning the Lordâ??s body, the consequences were:

- Weakness (spiritual and physical)
- Sickness (illness as divine discipline)
- Sleep (death)

The Communion is powerfulâ??for blessing or for judgment. Approached rightly, it brings life, health, and protection. Approached casually, with unconfessed sin, it brings sickness and even death.

2. What It Means to Partake Worthily

Daddy Adeboye implies the conditions for worthy partaking:

Requirement	Scriptural Basis
Self-examination	â??Let a man examine himselfâ?• (1 Corinthians 11:28)
Discerning the Lordâ??s body	Recognizing the significance of what you are receiving
Repentance from known sin	Not â??wallowing in sinâ?• while partaking
Forgiveness of others	Holding grudges makes your partaking unacceptable (Matthew 5:23-24)
Faith in Christâ??s sacrifice	Trusting that His body was broken and His blood shed for you

The Benefits of Frequent, Worthily Partaking

Based on Daddy Adeboyeâ??s teaching and Scripture, here are the benefits of the Holy Communion:

Benefit	Explanation

Life	â??He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal lifeâ?• (John 6:54)
Protection from Satan	With Christ always before you, the enemy has no opening
Immovable stability	â??I shall not be movedâ?• (Psalm 16:8)
Favor	Surrounded by Godâ??s favor
Healing	â??The bread that we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?â?• (1 Corinthians 10:16) â?? healing flows from His broken body
Remission of sins	â??This is my bloodâ?¦ shed for the remission of sinsâ?• (Matthew 26:28)
Union with Christ	Abiding in Him and He in you (John 6:56)

How to Partake Worthily (Practical Steps)

Based on Daddy Adeboyeâ??s teaching, here is how to approach the Lordâ??s Table:

1. **Examine Your Heart:** Before taking the Communion, pause. Ask the Holy Spirit: *Is there any unconfessed sin in my life? Is there anyone I have not forgiven?* If yes, confess and repent.
2. **Discern the Lordâ??s Body:** Do not treat the bread and cup as ordinary food. Recognize that you are receiving the broken body and shed blood of Jesus Christ. Approach with reverence, not routine.
3. **Partake Often:** The early church broke bread daily (Acts 2:46). Do not limit Communion to special occasions. If your church offers it weekly, take it weekly. If you can partake in your home devotionally (with proper understanding), do so.
4. **Partake in Faith:** Do not doubt. Believe that as you eat the bread and drink the cup, you are receiving:
    - Forgiveness for sin
    - Healing for your body
    - Protection from the enemy
    - Life more abundantly
5. **Live a Repentant Life:** Worthily partaking is not about perfection but about posture. If you are living in deliberate, unrepentant sin, do not approach the table until you have repented. Better to miss Communion than to eat and drink judgment.

Warning: Do Not Be Among the Living Dead

Daddy Adeboye closes with a solemn appeal:

> *â?•Beloved, donâ??t be among the â??living deadâ??. Accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour if you havenâ??t, stay away from sin, and always make the best of the privilege to sit at the Lordâ??s table as often as you can.â?•|

If You Areâ?¦	Your Call to Action
Unbeliever (never accepted Christ)	Accept Jesus today. Without Him, you have no life. The Communion cannot help you until you are first united to Christ by faith.
Believer living in unrepentant sin	Repent today. Stop wallowing. Examine yourself. Come back to the table with a clean heart.
Believer who rarely partakes	Make the best of this privilege. Sit at the Lordâ??s table often. Let the Communion keep Christ always before you.

Conclusion: Your Prayer for a Worthy Partaking

Daddy Adeboye closes with the call to accept Christ, stay away from sin, and partake often. Pray this prayer as you prepare your heart for the Lordâ??s Table.

Pray this:

> *â??Lord Jesus, I thank You for the precious gift of Your body and blood. Forgive me for the times I have taken the Holy Communion lightly, without discerning Your sacrifice. Forgive me for partaking while sin was still in my heart. Today, I examine myself. I confess every sin. I forgive everyone who has wronged me. I set You always before me. As I partake of this bread and cup, let Your life flow into me. Let Your healing touch my body. Let Your protection surround me. Let Your favor be my portion. I refuse to be among the living deadâ??spiritually alive but living in sin. I will not be moved because You are at my right hand. In Your precious name, Amen.â?•*

Action Steps:

1. **The Pre-Communion Examination:** Before your next Communion service (or before you take it at home), spend 10 minutes in silence. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any unconfessed sin. Write it down. Confess it. Destroy the paper.
2. **The Frequent Partaking Commitment:** Commit to partaking of the Holy Communion at least weekly. If your church does not offer it that often, consider setting aside time each week at home (with proper understanding and reverence) to take the bread and cup.
3. **The â??Set the Lord Always Before Youâ?• Practice:** Each morning, before you check your phone or begin your day, say aloud: *â??I set the Lord always before me. He is at my right hand. I shall not be moved.â?•* Let this become your daily declaration.

> *â??I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.â?•*(Psalm 16:8)
> **Do not be among the living dead. Accept Christ. Stay away from sin. Partake worthily. Keep the Lord always before you. You shall not be moved.**

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