

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the week of *Quasimodo Geniti* (Easter 2)
April 19 – April 25, 2020

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the catechism, hymn of the week, and verse for the week.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. **Amen.**

Psalm *Psalm 33 (antiphon: v. 6)*

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Day	Reading
Sunday	Lk. 4:1-15
Monday	Lk. 4:16-30
Tuesday	Lk. 4:31-44
Wednesday	Lk. 5:1-16
Thursday	Lk. 5:17-39
Friday	Lk. 6:1-19
Saturday	Lk. 6:20-38

Next Sundays Readings: Old Testament: Ezekiel 34:11-16

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:21-25 Gospel: John 10:11-16

Prayers

Almighty God, grant that we, who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection, may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Collect in Time of Pestilence

O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that we turn from our wickedness and live. Graciously behold Your people who plead to You and spare us. Withdraw the scourge of Your wrath and be moved in mercy to turn away this pestilence from us; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Collect for Doctors, Nurses, etc.

Lord God, be with the doctors and nurses and all others who minister to the needs of those who are ill. Through their wise and compassionate service, grant relief to the suffering and hope to the afflicted so that all may know of Your boundless care; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, look down from heaven, behold, visit and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers:

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church	Lee & Sandra Wade
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	John & Addy Chapek
(The Revd) President Matthew Harrison	Judy Oaklund
(The Revd) President Richard Snow	Bernice Wiese
Our Concordia Seminaries, Colleges, and Schools	Marge Meyer
Our Sister Churches	Velva Christensen
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	Loren Knight
	Valorie Hamar

President Donald Trump
Governor Pete Ricketts
Sarah Gramlich
Gloria Krueger

Pam Miller
Angela Stuart
Jacob Wusk
Pastor Zachary Courie

Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy; grant them comfort and sure confidence in You; defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

(Morning) I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

(Evening) I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day. And I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Memory Work

The Catechism

Ten Commandments—1-3 (Primary Texts)

1. You shall have no other gods.
2. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
3. Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.

Table of Duties—What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors

1 Corinthians 9:14

The Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.

Galatians 6:6-7

Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

1 Timothy 5:17-18

Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain,” and, “The laborer deserves his wages.”

Hymn of the Week: O Sons and Daughters of the King #470

1. O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav’nly hosts in glory sing, Today the grave has lost its sting!
8. How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win.
9. On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise: To God your hearts and voices raise.

Verse for the Week:

“Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.” -*Psalm 26:8*