

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the week of Misericordias Domini (Easter 3)

April 26 – May 2, 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 23 (antiphon: v. 6)*

Sunday	Lk. 6:39-49
Monday	Lk. 7:1-17
Tuesday	Lk. 7:18-35
Wednesday	Lk. 7:36-50
Thursday	Lk. 8:1-21
Friday	Lk. 8:22-39
Saturday	Lk. 8:40-56

Next Sundays Readings: Old Testament: Isaiah 40:25-31

Epistle: 1 Pet. 2:11-20 Gospel: John 16:16-23

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Prayers

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Collect During A Pandemic

Almighty God, heavenly Father, give us grace to trust You during this time of illness and distress. In mercy, put an end to the pandemic that is afflicting the world. Grant relief to those who suffer, and comfort all that mourn. Sustain all medical personnel in their labors, and cause Your people ever to serve You in righteousness and holiness; 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	John & Addy Chapek
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	Judy Oaklund
(The Revd) President Matthew Harrison	Bernice Wiese
(The Revd) President Richard Snow	Marge Meyer
Our Concordia Seminaries, Colleges, and Schools	Velva Christensen
Our Sister Churches	Elaine Gonnerman
The United States of America	Gayle Schwenck
President Donald Trump	Lavona Lanik
Governor Pete Ricketts	Kathryn Miller
Sarah Gramlich	Loren Knight
Gloria Krueger	Valorie Hamar
Lee & Sandra Wade	Pam Miller
	Angela Stuart
	Jacob Wusk
	Julie Tvrdy
	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.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with ✠ us all.

Amen.

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 Thessalonians 5:12-13

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

Hebrews 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Hymn of the Week: O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe #666

1. O little flock, fear not the foe Who madly seeks your overthrow; Dread not his rage and pow'r. And though your courage sometimes faints, His seeming triumph o'er God's saints Lasts but a little hour.
2. Be of good cheer; your cause belongs To Him who can avenge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord. Though hidden yet from mortal eyes, His Gideon shall for you arise, Uphold you and His Word.

Verse for the Week:

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.” -1 Peter 2:24-25