

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For Holy Week

April 5 – April 11, 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.*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### 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.**

<b><i>Palm Sunday-Wed.</i></b> <i>Psalm 118:19–29</i> <i>(antiphon: v. 26)</i>	<b><i>Maundy Thursday</i></b> <i>Psalm 116:12-19</i> <i>(antiphon: v. 17)</i>	<b><i>Good Friday</i></b> <i>Psalm 22</i> <i>(antiphon: v. 1)</i>
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<b><i>Day</i></b>	<b><i>Reading</i></b>
Sunday	Heb. 1:1-14
Monday	Heb. 2:1-18
Tuesday	Heb. 3:1-19
Wednesday	Heb. 4:1-16
Thursday	Heb. 5:1-14
Friday	Heb. 6:1-20
Saturday	Heb. 7:1-22

## ***Learn by Heart – Catechism: Baptism: Second Part***

*What benefits does Baptism give?*

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

*Which are these words and promises of God?*

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” **(Mark 16:16)**

### ***Verse for the Week***

“We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” **(Romans 6:4)**

### ***Prayers***

*(Start with one Collect of the Day, then Collect in Time of Pestilence, for Doctors, etc., then continue through to the end.)*

Let us pray.

### ***Collect of the Day (Palm Sunday – Holy Wednesday)***

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### ***Collect of the Day (Maundy Thursday)***

O Lord, in the wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that [whenever next] we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

***Collect of the Day (Good Friday)***

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

***Collect of the Day (Holy Saturday)***

O God, You made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection. Preserve in us the spirit of adoption which You have given that, made alive in body and soul, we may serve You purely; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, 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.**

***Prayers for Particular Persons, etc.***

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

Our Redeemer Lutheran  
Church  
The Lutheran Church—  
Missouri Synod

Lee & Sandra Wade  
John & Addy Chapek  
Judy Oaklund  
Bernice Wiese  
Marge Meyer

(The Revd) President Matthew Harrison	Velva Christensen Elaine Gonnerman
(The Revd) President Richard Snow	Gayle Schwenck Lavona Lanik
Our Concordia Seminaries, Colleges, and Schools	Kathryn Miller Loren Knight
Our Sister Churches	Valorie Hamar
The United States of America	Jacob Wusk
President Donald Trump	Angela Stuart
Governor Pete Ricketts	Pastor Zachary Courie
Sarah Gramlich	
Gloria Krueger	

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.**