

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

*For the week of Jubilate (Easter 4)*

**May 3 – 9, 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 147:1–11 (antiphon: v. 5)*

Sunday	Lk. 9:1-17
Monday	Lk. 9:18-36
Tuesday	Lk. 9:37-62
Wednesday	Lk. 10:1-22
Thursday	Lk. 10:23-42
Friday	Lk. 11:1-13
Saturday	Lk. 11:14-36

**Next Sundays Readings:** Old Testament: Isaiah 12:1–6

Epistle: James 1:16–21 Gospel: John 16:5–15

**Recite Memory Work** (see back page)

## *Prayers*

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church	Julie Tvrdy
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	Pam Miller
(The Revd) President Matthew Harrison	Angela Stuart
(The Revd) President Richard Snow	Jacob Wusk
Our Concordia Seminaries, Colleges, and Schools	Sarah Gramlich
Our Sister Churches	Gloria Krueger
The United States of America	Lee & Sandra Wade
President Donald Trump	Eleanor Matson
Governor Pete Ricketts	Delores Henke
Gwynne (Elaine's daughter)	Gloria Krueger
Andrea & Maddie (Shirley's Martin's niece & her daughter)	Valerie Hamar
Etienne (Louis' son)	Sarah Gramlich
Roxie Beck	Judy Oaklund
Gene Gonnerman	Lee & Sandra Wade
Marvin (Gary & Pam's friend)	John & Addy Chapek
Ginger (Julie's mom)	Loren Knight
Ruby (Karen's mom)	Elaine Gonnerman
Larry Martin	Gayle Schwenck
Nancy (Russell's sister)	Bernice Wiese
Richard (Judy's brother)	Marge Meyer
Sophie (Sandra's family)	Velva Christensen
Glenn (Sandra's family)	Lavona Lanik
Diane (Dan's mom)	Kathryn Miller
Ruth Klemz	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.**

***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.**

***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—4-10 (Primary Texts)*

4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not murder.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

#### *Table of Duties—Of Civil Government*

##### *Romans 13:1-4*

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

#### *Hymn of the Week: With High Delight Let Us Unite #483*

1. With high delight Let us unite In songs of great jubilation.  
Ye pure in heart, All bear your part, Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.  
To set us free Forever, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's ends  
Good news to save ev'ry nation.
2. True God, He first From death has burst Forth into life, all subduing.  
His enemy Doth vanquished lie; His death has been death's undoing.  
"And yours shall be Like Victory O'er death and grave," Saith He, who gave His life for us,  
life renewing.

*Verse for the Week: 2 Corinthians 12:9 (not printed)*