

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

*For the week of Cantate (Easter 5)*

**May 10 – 16, 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 66:1–8** (*antiphon: v. 5*)

Sunday	Lk. 11:37-54
Monday	Lk. 12:1-12
Tuesday	Lk. 12:13-34
Wednesday	Lk. 12:35-53
Thursday	Lk. 12:54-13:17
Friday	Lk. 13:18-35
Saturday	Lk. 14:1-24

**Next Sundays Readings:** Old Testament: Numbers 21:4–9

Epistle: James 1:22–27 Gospel: John 16:23–33

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

## *Prayers*

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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 (Kareen'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 Citizens*

#### *Matthew 22:21*

Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's.

#### *Romans 13:5-7*

It is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

*Also: 1 Timothy 2:1-3; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13-14*

### ***Hymn of the Week: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice #556***

8. Though he\* will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving, All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing. Life will from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin, And you are blest forever.

\* "he" refers to "the foe" (Satan) from stanza 7.

***Verse for the Week:*** For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God. -*Job 19:25-26*