

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the week of the Ascension of Our Lord (Observed)

May 24 – 30, 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 110 (antiphon: v. 1)*

Sunday	John 6:60-71
Monday	John 7:1-13
Tuesday	John 7:14-31
Wednesday	John 7:32-53
Thursday	John 8:1-20
Friday	John 8:21-38
Saturday	John 8:39-59

Next Sundays Readings: Old Testament: Genesis 11:1–9

Epistle: Acts 2:1–21 Gospel: John 14:23–31

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Prayers

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, 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	Diane (Dan's mom)
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	Ruth Klemz
(The Revd) President Matthew Harrison	Julie Tvrdy
(The Revd) President Richard Snow	Pam Miller
Our Concordia Seminaries, Colleges, and Schools	Angela Stuart
Our Sister Churches	Jacob Wusk
The United States of America	Sarah Gramlich
President Donald Trump	Gloria Krueger
Governor Pete Ricketts	Eleanor Matson
Corinne (Dan's niece)	Delores Henke
Jim and his family (Dan's brother)	Valerie Hamar
Pastor Dan Heuer	Judy Oaklund
Gwynne (Elaine's daughter)	Lee & Sandra Wade
Andrea & Maddie (Shirley's Martin's niece & her daughter)	John & Addy Chapek
Etienne (Louis' son)	Loren Knight
Roxie Beck	Elaine Gonnerman
Gene Gonnerman	Gayle Schwenck
Marvin (Gary & Pam's friend)	Bernice Wiese
Ginger (Julie's mom)	Marge Meyer
Ruby (Kareen's mom)	Velva Christensen
Larry Martin	Lavona Lanik
Nancy (Russell's sister)	Kathryn Miller
Richard (Judy's brother)	Pastor Zachary Courie
Sophie (Sandra's family)	
Glenn (Sandra's family)	

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—To Wives

Ephesians 5:22

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

1 Peter 3:5-6

For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.

Hymn of the Week: Up through Endless Ranks of Angels #491

1. Up through endless ranks of angels, cries of triumph in His ears, To His heav'nly throne ascending, Having vanquished all their fears, Christ looks down upon His faithful, Leaving them in happy tears.
2. Death destroying, life restoring, Proven equal to our need, Now for us before the Father As our brother intercede; Flesh that for our world was wounded, Living, for the wounded plead!

Verse for the Week:

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. -*Philippians 1:21*