

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the week of the Third Sunday After Trinity
June 28 – July 4, 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 103 (antiphon v. 8)

Sunday	Acts 9:1-22
Monday	Acts 9:23-43
Tuesday	Acts 10:1-17
Wednesday	Acts 10:18-33
Thursday	Acts 10:34-48
Friday	Acts 11:1-18
Saturday	Acts 11:19-30

Next Sundays Readings: Old Testament: Genesis 50:15–21

Epistle: Romans 8:18–23 Gospel: Luke 6:36–42

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Prayers

O God, the Protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, multiply Your mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, 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	Nancy (Russell's sister)
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	Richard (Judy's brother)
(The Revd) President Matthew Harrison	Sophie (Sandra's family)
(The Revd) President Richard Snow	Glenn (Sandra's family)
Our Concordia Seminaries, Colleges, and Schools	Kim Houfek
Our Sister Churches	Kimm Lowther
The United States of America	Ruth Klemz
President Donald Trump	Julie Tvrdy
Governor Pete Ricketts	Angela Stuart
Ian (Dan's nephew)	Jacob Wusk
Ryan (Julie's son)	Sarah Gramlich
Pastor Dan Heuer	Gloria Krueger
Andrea & Maddie (Shirley's Martin's niece & her daughter)	Eleanor Matson
Etienne (Louis' son)	Delores Henke
Roxie Beck (Elaine's niece)	Valerie Hamar
Gene Gonnerman	Judy Oaklund
Marvin (Gary & Pam's friend)	Lee & Sandra Wade
Ginger (Julie's mom)	John Chapek
Ruby (Karen's mom)	Loren Knight
Larry Martin (Shirley's husband)	Elaine Gonnerman
	Gayle Schwenck
	Bernice Wiese
	Marge Meyer
	Velva Christensen
	Lavona Lanik
	Kathryn Miller
	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.**

Collect For The Nation

Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Morning or Evening Prayer (from the Catechism)

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son,

(Morning) ...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.

(Evening) ...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.

Memory Work

The Catechism

Christian Questions with Their Answers

What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?

We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Why should we remember and proclaim His death?

First, so that we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

Hymn of the Week: Lord, to You I Make Confessions #608

1. Lord, to You I make confession; I have sinned and gone astray, I have multiplied transgression, Chosen for myself my way. Led by You to see my errors, Lord, I tremble at Your terrors.
2. Yet, though conscience' voice appall me, Father, I will seek Your face; Though Your child I dare not call me, Yet receive me in Your grace. Do not for my sins forsake me; Let Your wrath not overtake me.
3. For Your Son has suffered for me, Giv'n Himself to rescue me, Died to save me and restore me, Reconciled and set me free. Jesus' cross alone can vanquish These dark fears and sooth this anguish.

Verse for the Week:

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. -1 Timothy 1:15