

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the week of the Fourth Sunday After Trinity
July 5 – July 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.

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 138 (antiphon v. 8b)

Sunday	Acts 12:1-25
Monday	Acts 13:1-12
Tuesday	Acts 13:13-41
Wednesday	Acts 13:42-52
Thursday	Acts 14:1-18
Friday	Acts 14:19-15:5
Saturday	Acts 15:6-21

Next Sundays Readings: Old Testament: 1 Kings 19:11–21

Epistle: 1 Peter 3:8–15 Gospel: Luke 5:1–11

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Prayers

O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; 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	Clayton Wade
Our Sister Churches	Kim Houfek
The United States of America	Kimm Lowther
President Donald Trump	Ruth Klemz
Governor Pete Ricketts	Julie Tvrdy
Fritz & Joann (Karen Temme's parents)	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 family)	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 (Kareen'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 – The Lord’s Prayer

The Fifth Petition

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

Hymn of the Week: O God, My Faithful God #696

1. O God, my faithful God, True fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within
A conscience free from blame, A soul unstained by sin.
2. Grant me the strength to do With ready heart and willing
Whatever you command, My calling here fulfilling;
That I do what I should While trusting you to bless
The outcome for my good, For You must give success.
3. Keep me from saying words That later need recalling;
Guard me lest idle speech May from my lips be falling;
But when within my place I must and ought to speak,
Then to my words give grace Lest I offend the weak.
4. Lord, let me win my foes With kindly words and actions,
And let me find good friends For counsel and correction.
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small
And by Your Spirit’s might To live in peace with all.

Verse for the Week:

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.
Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

-Romans 12:14-15