

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the week of the Sixth Sunday After Trinity
July 19 – 25, 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 19 (antiphon v. 8)

Sunday	Acts 15:22-41
Monday	Acts 16:1-22
Tuesday	Acts 16:23-40
Wednesday	Acts 18:1-28
Thursday	Acts 19:1-22
Friday	Acts 21:15-36
Saturday	Acts 21:37-22:16

Next Sundays Readings: Old Testament: Genesis 2:7–17 Epistle: Romans 6:19–23 Gospel: Mark 8:1–9

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Prayers

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; 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	Sophie (Sandra's family)
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	Glenn (Sandra's family)
(The Revd) President Matthew Harrison	Clayton Wade
(The Revd) President Richard Snow	Kim Houfek
Our Concordia Seminaries, Colleges, and Schools	Kimm Lowther
Our Sister Churches	Ruth Klemz
The United States of America	Angela Stuart
President Donald Trump	Jacob Wusk
Governor Pete Ricketts	Sarah Gramlich
Debbie (Kareen's friend)	Gloria Krueger
Margery (Di Vasicek's mom)	Eleanor Matson
Fritz & Joann (Karen Temme's parents)	Delores Henke
Pastor Dan Heuer	Valerie Hamar
Larry and Andrea & Maddie (Shirley Martin's family)	Judy Oaklund
Roxie Beck (Elaine's niece)	Lee & Sandra Wade
Gene Gonnerman	John Chapek
Marvin (Gary & Pam's friend)	Loren Knight
Ginger (Julie's mom)	Elaine Gonnerman
Ruby (Kareen's mom)	Gayle Schwenck
Nancy (Russell's sister)	Bernice Wiese
Richard (Judy's brother)	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 Sacrament of Holy Baptism

What does such baptizing with water indicated?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (*Romans 6:4*)

Hymn of the Week: All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall #562

1. All mankind fell in Adam’s fall; One common sin infects us all. From one to all the curse descends, And over all God’s wrath impends.
4. But Christ, the second Adam, came To bear our sin and woe and shame, To be our life, our light, our way, Our only hope, our only stay.

Verse for the Week:

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. -*Romans 6:6–7*