

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the week of the Eighth Sunday After Trinity

August 2 – 8, 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 26 (antiphon v. 12)*

Sunday	Acts 26:24-27:8
Monday	Acts 27:9-26
Tuesday	Acts 27:27-44
Wednesday	Acts 28:1-15
Thursday	Acts 28:16-31
Friday	1 Cor. 1:1-25
Saturday	1 Cor. 1:26-2:16

Next Sundays Readings: Old Testament: 2 Samuel 22:26–34

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:6–13 Gospel: Luke 16:1–13

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Prayers

Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; 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	Richard (Judy's brother)
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	Sophie (Sandra's family)
(The Revd) President Matthew Harrison	Glenn (Sandra's family)
(The Revd) President Richard Snow	Clayton Wade
Our Concordia Seminaries, Colleges, and Schools	Kim Houfek
Our Sister Churches	Kimm Lowther
The United States of America	Ruth Klemz
President Donald Trump	Angela Stuart
Governor Pete Ricketts	Jacob Wusk
Debbie (Kareen's friend)	Sarah Gramlich
Margery (Di Vasicek's mom)	Gloria Krueger
Fritz & Joann (Karen Temme's parents)	Eleanor Matson
Pastor Dan Heuer	Delores Henke
Larry and Andrea & Maddie (Shirley Martin's family)	Valerie Hamar
Roxie Beck (Elaine's niece)	Judy Oaklund
Gene Gonnerman	Lee & Sandra Wade
Marvin (Gary & Pam's friend)	John Chapek
Ginger (Julie's mom)	Loren Knight
Ruby (Kareen's mom)	Elaine Gonnerman
Nancy (Russell's sister)	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 First Petition

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean?

God’s name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God’s name kept holy?

God’s name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God’s Word profanes the name of God among us. Preserve us from this, heavenly Father!

Hymn of the Week: In God, My Faithful God #745

1. In God, my faithful God, I trust when dark my road; Great woes may overtake me, Yet He will not forsake me. My troubles He can alter; His hand lets nothing falter.
2. My sins fill me with care, Yet I will not despair. I build on Christ, who loves me; From this rock nothing moves me. To Him I will surrender; To Him, my soul’s defender.

Verse for the Week:

Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. -*Matthew 7:15-16*