

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

*For the week of the Eleventh Sunday After Trinity*

**August 23 – 29, 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 50:7–23 (antiphon v. 14)*

Sunday	2 Corinthians 1:1-22
Monday	2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 3:1-18
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 4:1-18
Thursday	2 Corinthians 5:1-21
Friday	2 Corinthians 6:1-18
Saturday	2 Corinthians 7:1-16

**Next Sundays Readings:** Old Testament: Isaiah 29:17-24 Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:4-11 Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

**Recite Memory Work** (see back page)

## *Prayers*

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of 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	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
Alice (Lori's mom)	Sarah Gramlich
Craig (Delores' son-in-law)	Gloria Krueger
Dan (Lavona's son)	Eleanor Matson
Margery (Di Vasicek's mom)	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 (Karen's mom)	Gayle Schwenck
Nancy (Russell's sister)	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 – Confession*

#### *What is Confession?*

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

#### *Hymn of the Week: Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion #559*

1. Oh, how great is Your compassion, Faithful Father, God of grace,  
That with all our fallen race In our depth of degradation  
You had mercy so that we Might be saved eternally!
2. Your great love for this has striven That we may, from sin  
made free, Live with You eternally. Your dear Son Himself  
has given And extends His gracious call, To His Supper  
leads us all.

#### *Verse for the Week:*

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. -*Ephesians 2:8-9*