

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
For the week of the Ninth Sunday After Trinity  
August 9 – 15, 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 51 (antiphon v. 12)

Sunday	1 Corinthians 3:1-23
Monday	1 Corinthians 4:1-21
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 5:1-13
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 6:1-20
Thursday	1 Corinthians 7:1-24
Friday	1 Corinthians 7:25-40
Saturday	1 Corinthians 8:1-13

**Next Sundays Readings:** Old Testament: Jeremiah 7:1–11 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:1–11 Gospel: Luke 19:41–48

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

## *Prayers*

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; 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
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
Richard (Judy's brother)	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 Lord’s Prayer*

#### *The Sixth Petition*

And lead us not into temptation.

*What does this mean?*

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

### *Hymn of the Week: What is the World To Me #730*

1. What is the world to me With all its vaunted pleasure  
When You, and You alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure!  
You only, dearest Lord, My soul’s delight shall be;  
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
2. The world seeks to be praised And honored by the mighty  
Yet never once reflects That they are frail and flighty.  
But what I truly prize Above all things is He, My Jesus, He  
alone. What is the world to me!

### *Verse for the Week:*

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. -1 Corinthians 10:13