

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the week of the Tenth Sunday After Trinity
August 16 – 22, 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 92 (antiphon v. 4)

Sunday	1 Corinthians 9:1-23
Monday	1 Cor. 9:24-10:22
Tuesday	1 Cor. 10:23-11:16
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 11:17-34
Thursday	1 Corinthians 12:1-13
Friday	1 Corinthians 12:14-31
Saturday	1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Next Sundays Readings: Old Testament: Genesis 4:1–15 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1–10 Gospel: Luke 18:9–14

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Prayers

O God, You declare Your almighty power above all in showing mercy and pity. Mercifully grant us such a measure of Your grace that we may obtain Your gracious promises and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; 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	Sophie (Sandra's family)
Synod	Glenn (Sandra's family)
(The Revd) President Matthew	Clayton Wade
Harrison	Kim Houfek
(The Revd) President Richard	Kimm Lowther
Snow	Ruth Klemz
Our Concordia Seminaries,	Angela Stuart
Colleges, and Schools	Jacob Wusk
Our Sister Churches	Sarah Gramlich
The United States of America	Gloria Krueger
President Donald Trump	Eleanor Matson
Governor Pete Ricketts	Delores Henke
Paul & family (Kareen's son)	Valerie Hamar
Craig (Delores' son)	Judy Oaklund
Dan (Lavona's son)	Lee & Sandra Wade
Margery (Di Vasicek's mom)	John Chapek
Pastor Dan Heuer	Loren Knight
Larry and Andrea & Maddie	Elaine Gonnerman
(Shirley Martin's family)	Gayle Schwenck
Roxie Beck (Elaine's niece)	Bernice Wiese
Gene Gonnerman	Marge Meyer
Marvin (Gary & Pam's friend)	Velva Christensen
Ginger (Julie's mom)	Lavona Lanik
Ruby (Kareen's mom)	Kathryn Miller
Nancy (Russell's sister)	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 Apostles Creed

The Third Article - Sanctification

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn of the Week: The Church's One Foundation #644

1. The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord; She is His new creation By water and the Word. From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride; With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
2. Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth; Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.

Verse for the Week:

No one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

-1 Corinthians 12:3