

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the week of the Twelfth Sunday After Trinity
August 30 – September 5, 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 146 (antiphon v. 8)*

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| Sunday | 2 Corinthians 8:1-24 |
| Monday | 2 Corinthians 9:1-15 |
| Tuesday | Ephesians 1:1-23 |
| Wednesday | Ephesians 2:1-22 |
| Thursday | Ephesians 3:1-21 |
| Friday | Ephesians 4:1-24 |
| Saturday | Ephesians 4:25-5:14 |

Next Sundays Readings: Old Testament: 2 Chronicles 28:8–15

Epistle: Galatians 3:15–22 Gospel: Luke 10:23–37

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Prayers

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; 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:

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| 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 | Kim 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) | Delores Henke |
| Margery (Di Vasicek's mom) | Valerie Hamar |
| Pastor Dan Heuer | Judy Oaklund |
| Larry and Andrea & Maddie (Shirley Martin's family) | Lee & Sandra Wade |
| Roxie Beck (Elaine's niece) | John Chapek |
| Gene Gonnerman | Loren Knight |
| Marvin (Gary & Pam's friend) | Elaine Gonnerman |
| Ginger (Julie's mom) | Gayle Schwenck |
| Ruby (Kareen's mom) | Bernice Wiese |
| Nancy (Russell's sister) | 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 in Time of Disasters

Almighty God, merciful Father, Your thoughts are not our thoughts, Your ways are not our ways. In Your wisdom You have permitted many recent disasters such as a global pandemic, riots, Hurricane Laura, and the fires in California. We implore You, let not the hearts of Your people despair nor our faith fail us, but sustain and comfort us. Direct all efforts to attend the injured, console the bereaved, protect the helpless, and sustain all medical personnel, police, and firefighters in their labors. Bring hope and healing that we may find relief and restoration; 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 Ten Commandments

The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Hymn of the Week: Word of God, Come Down on Earth #545

1. Word of God, come down on earth, Living rain from heav'n descending; Touch our hearts and bring to birth Faith and hope and love unending. Word almighty, we revere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
2. Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation, Word that came from heav'n to die, Crucified for our salvation, Saving Word, the world restoring, Speak to us, Your love outpouring.

Verse for the Week:

Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.
-Romans 10:17