

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the week of the Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity

September 20 – 26, 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. 9a)*

Sunday	1 Timothy 3:1-16
Monday	1 Timothy 4:1-16
Tuesday	1 Timothy 5:1-16
Wednesday	1 Timothy 5:17-6:2
Thursday	1 Timothy 6:3-21
Friday	Matthew 3:1-17
Saturday	Matthew 4:1-11

Next Sundays Readings: Old Testament: 1 Kings 17:17-24

Epistle: Ephesians 3:13-21 Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Prayers

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; 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	Nancy (Russell's sister)
The Lutheran Church—Missouri	Richard (Judy's brother)
Synod	Sophia (Sandra's family)
(The Revd) President Matthew	Glenn (Sandra's family)
Harrison	John Chapek
(The Revd) President Richard	Lee & Sandra Wade
Snow	Clayton Wade
Our Concordia Seminaries,	Kim Houfek
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
Jackson Brase (Steve's	Gloria Krueger
grandson)	Delores Henke
Lorraine Beaman	Valerie Hamar
Mike (John Chapek's nephew)	Judy Oaklund
Alice (Lori's mom)	Loren Knight
Craig (Delores' son-in-law)	Elaine Gonnerman
Dan (Lavona's son)	Gayle Schwenck
Margery (Di Vasicek's mom)	Bernice Wiese
Pastor Dan Heuer	Marge Meyer
Larry Martin	Velva Christensen
Roxie Beck (Elaine's niece)	Lavona Lanik
Marvin (Gary & Pam's friend)	Kathryn Miller
Ginger (Julie's mom)	Pastor Zachary Courie
Ruby (Kareen's mom)	

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, and with it great threats to our economy along with high unemployment rates and suicides; as well as riots, tropical storms and hurricanes, floods, and fires. 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 lead our enemies to repentance and faith in You. 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 Ten Commandments – First & Second

The First Commandment

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

The Second Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Hymn of the Week: What God Ordains Is Always Good #760

1. What God ordains is always good: His will is just and holy.
As He directs my life for me, I follow meek and lowly. My
God indeed In ev'ry need Knows well how He will shield
me; To Him, then, I will yield me.
2. What God ordains is always good: He never will deceive
me; He leads me in His righteous way, And never will He
leave me. I take content What He has sent; His hand that
sends me sadness Will turn my tears to gladness.
3. What God ordains is always good: His loving thought
attends me; No poison can be in the cup That my physician
sends me. My God is true; Each morning new I trust His
grace unending, My life to Him commending.

Verse for the Week:

Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. -*Matthew 6:33*