

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the week of the Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

September 13 – 19, 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 119:9-16 (antiphon v. 12)*

Sunday	Colossians 1:1-23
Monday	Colossians 1:24-2:7
Tuesday	Colossians 2:8-23
Wednesday	Colossians 3:1-25
Thursday	Colossians 4:1-18
Friday	1 Timothy 1:1-20
Saturday	1 Timothy 2:1-15

Next Sundays Readings: Old Testament: 1 Kings 17:8–16

Epistle: Galatians 5:25–6:10 Gospel: Matthew 6:24–34

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Prayers

O Lord, keep Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because of our frailty we cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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 Synod	Sophie (Sandra's family)
	Glenn (Sandra's family)
(The Revd) President Matthew Harrison	Clayton Wade
	Kim Houfek
(The Revd) President Richard Snow	Kimm Lowther
	Ruth Klemz
Our Concordia Seminaries, Colleges, and Schools	Angela Stuart
	Jacob Wusk
Our Sister Churches	Sarah Gramlich
The United States of America	Gloria Krueger
President Donald Trump	Delores Henke
Governor Pete Ricketts	Valerie Hamar
Mike (John Chapek's nephew)	Judy Oaklund
Alice (Lori's mom)	Lee & Sandra Wade
Craig (Delores' son-in-law)	John Chapek
Dan (Lavona's son)	Loren Knight
Margery (Di Vasicek's mom)	Elaine Gonnerman
Pastor Dan Heuer	Gayle Schwenck
Larry Martin	Bernice Wiese
Roxie Beck (Elaine's niece)	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 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 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: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light; Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease, Calming storms, and feeding thousands, with the very Bread of peace.

Verse for the Week:

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

- *Galatians 5:22-23*