

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the week of the Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

September 27 – October 3, 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 30 (antiphon v. 5b)*

Sunday	Matthew 4:12-25
Monday	Matthew 5:1-20
Tuesday	Matthew 5:21-48
Wednesday	Matthew 6:1-15
Thursday	Matthew 6:16-34
Friday	Matthew 7:1-12
Saturday	Matthew 7:13-29

Next Sundays Readings: Old Testament: Proverbs 25:6–14

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1–6 Gospel: Luke 14:1–11

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Prayers

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; 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 Synod	Richard (Judy's brother)
(The Revd) President Matthew Harrison	Sophia (Sandra's family)
(The Revd) President Richard Snow	Glenn (Sandra's family)
Our Concordia Seminaries, Colleges, and Schools	John Chapek
Our Sister Churches	Lee & Sandra Wade
The United States of America	Clayton Wade
President Donald Trump	Kim Houfek
Governor Pete Ricketts	Kimm Lowther
Jackson Brase (Steve's grandson)	Ruth Klemz
Lorraine Beaman	Angela Stuart
Mike (John Chapek's nephew)	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 Martin	Loren Knight
Roxie Beck (Elaine's niece)	Elaine Gonnerman
Marvin (Gary & Pam's friend)	Gayle Schwenck
Ginger (Julie's mom)	Bernice Wiese
Ruby (Kareen's mom)	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, 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 – Third & Fourth

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.

The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

Hymn of the Week: The Will of God Is Always Best #758

1. The will of God is always best And shall be done forever;
And they who trust in Him are blest; He will forsake them
never. He helps indeed In time of need; He chastens with
forbearing. They who depend On God, their friend, Shall
not be left despairing.
2. God is my comfort and my trust, My hope and life abiding;
And to His counsel, wise and just, I yield, in Him
confiding. The very hairs, His Word declares, Upon my
head He numbers. By night and day God is my stay; He
never sleeps nor slumbers.

Verse for the Week:

“I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.” -Romans 1:16