

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the week of the Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

September 6 – 12, 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 32 (antiphon v. 2)*

Sunday	Ephesians 5:15-33
Monday	Ephesians 6:1-24
Tuesday	Philippians 1:1-20
Wednesday	Philippians 1:21-2:11
Thursday	Philippians 2:12-30
Friday	Philippians 3:1-21
Saturday	Philippians 4:1-23

Next Sundays Readings: Old Testament: Proverbs 4:10–23

Epistle: Galatians 5:16–24 Gospel: Luke 17:11–19

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Prayers

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; 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)
(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
Marvin (Gary & Pam's friend)	Loren Knight
Ginger (Julie's mom)	Elaine Gonnerman
Ruby (Kareen's mom)	Gayle Schwenck
Nancy (Russell's sister)	Bernice Wiese
	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 Creed

The Second Article - Redemption

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. 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.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn of the Week: Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me #683

1. Jesus, Thy boundless love to me No thought can reach, no tongue declare; Unite my thankful heart to Thee, And reign without a rival there! Thine wholly, Thine alone I am; Be Thou alone my constant flame.
2. O grant that nothing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure love alone; Oh, may Thy love possess me whole, My joy, my treasure, and my crown! All coldness from my heart remove; My ev-ry act, word, thought be love.

Verse for the Week:

Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.-
Galatians 3:21-22