

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the week of Reformation Sunday (Observed)

October 25 – 31, 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 46 (antiphon v. 7)*

Sunday	Matt. 17:14-27
Monday	Matt. 18:1-20
Tuesday	Matt. 18:21-35
Wednesday	Matt. 19:1-15
Thursday	Matt. 19:16-30
Friday	Matt. 20:1-16
Saturday	Matt. 20:17-34

Next Sundays Readings: Old Testament: Revelation 7:2-17

Epistle: 1 John 3:1–3 Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Prayers

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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	Sophia (Sandra's family)
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	Glenn (Sandra's family)
(The Revd) President Matthew Harrison	Howard Hutchison
(The Revd) President Richard Snow	Eleanor Matson
Our Concordia Seminaries, Colleges, and Schools	Di & Dwaine Vasicek
Our Sister Churches	John Chapek
The United States of America	Lee & Sandra Wade
President Donald Trump	Clayton Wade
Governor Pete Ricketts	Kim Houfek
Joyce Koranda	Kimm Lowther
Lenna Marie (Russell's niece)	Ruth Klemz
Mike (John Chapek's nephew)	Angela Stuart
Alice (Lori's mom)	Jacob Wusk
Craig (Delores' son-in-law)	Sarah Gramlich
Dan Lanik	Gloria Krueger
Pastor Dan Heuer	Delores Henke
Larry Martin	Valerie Hamar
Roxie Beck (Elaine's niece)	Judy Oaklund
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
Richard (Judy O.'s brother)	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

Merciful Father, in Your wisdom You have permitted the spread of viruses, riots, tropical storms and hurricanes, floods, and fires, all of which have caused great damage and have resulted in many deaths and even suicides. 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 Close of the Commandments

What does God say about all these commandments?

He says, “I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.” (Ex. 20: 5–6)

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

Hymn of the Week: Salvation Unto Us Has Come #555

1. Salvation unto us has come By God’s free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us
never. Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the
world atone; He is our one Redeemer.

Verse for the Week:

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

-Romans 6:23