

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

*For the week of All Saints' Day*

**November 1 – 7, 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 149 (antiphon v. 4)*

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: Micah 6:6–8

Epistle: Philippians 1:3–11 Gospel: Matthew 18:21–35

**Recite Memory Work** (see back page)

## **Prayers**

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, 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	Glenn (Sandra's family)
The L.C.M.S.	Howard Hutchison
Rev. Pres. Matthew Harrison	Eleanor Matson
Rev. Pres. Richard Snow	Di & Dwaine Vasicek
Our Concordia Seminaries,	John Chapek
Colleges, and Schools	Lee & Sandra Wade
Our Sister Churches	Clayton Wade
The United States of America	Kim Houfek
President Donald Trump	Kimm Lowther
Governor Pete Ricketts	Ruth Klemz
Donetta (Di Pfeiffer's mom)	Angela Stuart
Joyce Koranda	Jacob Wusk
Lenna Marie (Russell's niece)	Sarah Gramlich
Mike (John Chapek's nephew)	Gloria Krueger
Alice (Lori's mom)	Delores Henke
Craig (Delores' son-in-law)	Valerie Hamar
Dan Lanik	Judy Oaklund
Pastor Dan Heuer	Loren Knight
Larry Martin	Elaine Gonnerman
Roxie Beck (Elaine's niece)	Gayle Schwenck
Marvin (Gary & Pam's friend)	Bernice Wiese
Ginger (Julie's mom)	Marge Meyer
Ruby & Bob (Kareen's mom & step-dad)	Velva Christensen
Nancy (Russell's sister)	Lavona Lanik
Richard (Judy O.'s brother)	Kathryn Miller
Sophia (Sandra's family)	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 Creed—The First Article: Creation*

*As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

*What does this mean?*

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

### *Hymn of the Week: For All the Saints #677*

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

### *Verse for the Week:*

“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.” -Psalm 19:1