

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the week of the First Sunday in Advent (Ad Te Levavi)

November 29 – December 5, 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 24 (antiphon v. 7)*

Sunday	1 Peter 2:1-12
Monday	1 Peter 2:13-25
Tuesday	1 Peter 3:1-22
Wednesday	1 Peter 4:1-19
Thursday	1 Peter 5:1-14
Friday	2 Peter 1:1-21
Saturday	2 Peter 2:1-22

Next Sundays Readings: Old Testament: Malachi 4:1–6

Epistle: Romans 15:4–13 Gospel: Luke 21:25–36

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Prayers

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father 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 L.C.M.S.	Glenn (Sandra's family)
Rev. Pres. Matthew Harrison	Michelle Girmus
Rev. Pres. Richard Snow	Chris, Angela, & Beth Stuart
Our Concordia Seminaries, Colleges, and Schools	Howard Hutchison
Our Sister Churches	Eleanor Matson
The United States of America	Di & Dwaine Vasicek
President Donald Trump	John Chapek
Governor Pete Ricketts	Lee & Sandra Wade
Lani (Kareen's friend)	Clayton Wade
Arlo & Barb (Jacob Wusk's parents)	Kimm Lowther
Donetta (Di Pfeiffer's mom)	Ruth Klemz
Joyce Koranda	Angela Stuart
Lenna Marie (Russell's niece)	Jacob Wusk
Mike (John Chapek's nephew)	Sarah Gramlich
Alice (Lori's mom)	Gloria Krueger
Craig (Delores' son-in-law)	Delores Henke
Dan Lanik	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 & Bob (Kareen's mom & stepdad)	Marge Meyer
Nancy (Russell's sister)	Velva Christensen
Richard (Judy O.'s brother)	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

Last week: *The Lord's Prayer – Introduction and First Petition*

This week: *The Lord's Prayer – Introduction and First Petition*

Introduction

Our Father who are in heaven.

What does this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

First Petition

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean? God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy? God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

Hymn of the Week: *Savior of the Nations, Come #332*

1. Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's Son, make here Your home! Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
7. From the manger newborn light Shines in glory through the night. Darkness there no more resides; In this light faith now abides.

Verse for the Week:

“If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” –John 8:31-32