

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the week of the Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity

October 11 – 17, 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 34:8–22 (antiphon v. 19)*

Sunday	Matt. 11:20-30
Monday	Matt. 12:1-21
Tuesday	Matt. 12:22-37
Wednesday	Matt. 12:38-50
Thursday	Matt. 13:1-23
Friday	Matt. 13:24-43
Saturday	Matt. 13:44-58

Next Sundays Readings: Old Testament: Genesis 28:10–17

Epistle: Ephesians 4:22–28 Gospel: Matthew 9:1–8

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Prayers

O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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	Sophia (Sandra's family)
(The Revd) President Matthew Harrison	Glenn (Sandra's family)
(The Revd) President Richard Snow	Di & Dwaine Vasicek
Our Concordia Seminaries, Colleges, and Schools	John Chapek
Our Sister Churches	Lee & Sandra Wade
The United States of America	Clayton Wade
President Donald Trump & First Lady	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
Pastor Dan Heuer	Valerie Hamar
Larry Martin	Judy Oaklund
Roxie Beck (Elaine's niece)	Loren Knight
Marvin (Gary & Pam's friend)	Elaine Gonnerman
Ginger (Julie's mom)	Gayle Schwenck
Ruby (Kareen's mom)	Bernice Wiese
Nancy (Russell's sister)	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 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 Ten Commandments – Seventh & Eighth

The Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

The Eighth Commandment

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Hymn of the Week: Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower #694

1. Thee will I love, my strength, my tower; Thee will I love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I love with all my power, With ardor time shall ne'er destroy. Thee will I love, O Light divine, So long as life is mine.
2. Thee will I love, my life, my Savior, who art my best and truest friend. Thee will I love and praise forever, For never shall Thy kindness end. Thee will I love with all my heart— Thou my Redeemer art!

Verse for the Week:

Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. -*Romans 13:10*