

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the week of the Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity

October 18 – 24, 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 84 (antiphon v. 8)*

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| Sunday | Matthew 14:1-21 |
| Monday | Matthew 14:22-36 |
| Tuesday | Matthew 15:1-20 |
| Wednesday | Matthew 15:21-39 |
| Thursday | Matthew 16:1-12 |
| Friday | Matthew 16:13-28 |
| Saturday | Matthew 16:13-28 |

Next Sundays Readings: Old Testament: Isaiah 55:1–9

Epistle: Ephesians 5:15–21 Gospel: Matthew 21:33–44

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Prayers

Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; 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:

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| 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 | Kim Houfek |
| Governor Pete Ricketts | Kimm Lowther |
| Jackson Brase (Steve's grandson) | Ruth Klemz |
| Mike (John Chapek's nephew) | Angela Stuart |
| Alice (Lori's mom) | Jacob Wusk |
| Craig (Delores' son-in-law) | Sarah Gramlich |
| Dan (Lavona's son) | 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 |
| | 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 Ten Commandments – Ninth & Tenth

The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Hymn of the Week: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart #708

1. Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee ne'er from me depart, With tender mercy cheer me. Earth has no pleasure I would share. Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my heart for sorrow break, My trust in Thee can nothing shake. Thou art the portion I have sought; Thy precious blood my soul has bought. Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord, Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

Verse for the Week:

“Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

-Luke 12:15