

# **The Congregation at Prayer**

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

*For the week of the Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity*

**October 4 – 10, 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 2 (antiphon v. 11)*

Sunday	Matthew 8:1-17
Monday	Matthew 8:18-34
Tuesday	Matthew 9:1-17
Wednesday	Matthew 9:18-38
Thursday	Matthew 10:1-23
Friday	Matthew 10:24-42
Saturday	Matthew 11:1-19

***Next Sundays Readings:*** Old Testament: Deuteronomy 10:12–21

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:4–9 Gospel: Matthew 22:34–46

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

## ***Prayers***

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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	Nancy (Russell's sister)
The Lutheran Church—Missouri	Richard (Judy's brother)
Synod	Sophia (Sandra's family)
(The Revd) President Matthew Harrison	Glenn (Sandra's family)
(The Revd) President Richard Snow	John Chapek
Our Concordia Seminaries, 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
Jackson Brase (Steve's grandson)	Angela Stuart
Lorraine Beaman	Jacob Wusk
Mike (John Chapek's nephew)	Sarah Gramlich
Alice (Lori's mom)	Gloria Krueger
Craig (Delores' son-in-law)	Delores Henke
Dan (Lavona's son)	Valerie Hamar
Margery (Di Vasicek's mom)	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 (Kareen's mom)	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 – Fifth & Sixth*

#### *The Fifth Commandment*

You shall not murder.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

#### *The Sixth Commandment*

You shall not commit adultery.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

### *Hymn of the Week: Seek Where You May to Find a Way #557*

1. Seek where you may To find a way That leads to your salvation. My heart is stilled, On Christ I build, He is the one foundation. His Word is sure, His works endure; He overthrows All evil foes; Through Him I more than conquer.
2. Seek whom you may To be your stay, None can redeem his brother. All helpers failed, This man prevailed, The God-man and none other, Our Servant-King of whom we sing. We're justified Because He died, The guilty being guiltless.

#### *Verse for the Week:*

“ ‘A man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” -Mark 10:7-9