

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the week of the Twenty-Third Sunday After Trinity

November 15 – 21, 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 111 (antiphon v. 10)*

Sunday	Matt. 26:57-75
Monday	Matt. 27:1-10
Tuesday	Matt. 27:11-32
Wednesday	Matt. 27:33-56
Thursday	Matt. 27:57-66
Friday	Matt. 28:1-20
Saturday	Rev. 18:1-24

Next Sundays Readings: Old Testament: Isaiah 65:17–25

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 Gospel: Matthew 25:1–13

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Prayers

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; 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	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 & stepdad)	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 Third Article: Sanctification

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.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn of the Week: Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode #714

1. Who trusts in God A strong abode In heav'n and earth possesses; Who looks in love To Christ above, No fear that heart oppresses. In You alone, Dear Lord, we own Sweet hope and consolation, Our shield from foes, Our balm for woes, Our great and sure salvation.
3. In all the strife Of mortal life Our feet will stand securely; Temptation's hour Will lose its pow'r, For You will guard us surely. O God, renew With heav'nly dew Our body, soul, and spirit Until we stand At Your right hand Through Jesus' saving merit.

Verse for the Week:

“No one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says ‘Jesus is accursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit. - 1 Corinthians 12:3