

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the week of the Second Sunday in Advent (Populus Zion)

December 6 - 12, 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 50:1–15 (antiphon v. 15)*

Sunday	2 Peter 3:1-18
Monday	1 John 1:1-2:14
Tuesday	1 John 2:15-29
Wednesday	1 John 3:1-24
Thursday	1 John 4:1-21
Friday	1 John 5:1-21
Saturday	Jude 1-25

Next Sundays Readings: Old Testament: Isaiah 40:1–11

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:1–5 Gospel: Matthew 11:2–11

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Prayers

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 O.'s brother)
The L.C.M.S.	Sophia (Sandra's family)
Rev. Pres. Matthew Harrison	Glenn (Sandra's family)
Rev. Pres. Richard Snow	Charlie Lancaster
Our Concordia Seminaries,	Howard Hutchison
Colleges, and Schools	Eleanor Matson
Our Sister Churches	Di & Dwaine Vasicek
The United States of America	John Chapek
President Donald Trump	Lee & Sandra Wade
Governor Pete Ricketts	Clayton Wade
Lani (Kareen's friend)	Kimm Lowther
Arlo & Barb (Jacob Wusk's parents)	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
	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 – Second Petition*

Second Petition

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean? The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come? God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Hymn of the Week: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending #336

1. Lo! He comes with clouds descending, Once for ev'ry sinner slain; Thousand thousand saints attending Swell the triumph of His train: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.
2. Ev'ry eye shall now behold him Robed in glorious majesty; Those who set at naught and sold Him, Pierced and nailed Him to the tree, Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, Shall their true Messiah see.

Verse for the Week:

For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. – Matthew 24:27,44