
THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Week of the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 6–12, 2015

THE ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. If able, the head of the home should take the role of "Leader" (L) and the family the role of "Congregant" (C). The whole family should try to learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Theme: Renounce the Devil, World, and Flesh and Cling to Christ

INVOCATION

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son ☩, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

VERSE

Matthew 6:25

L "Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on.

C **Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"**

DAILY PSALM

The leader may read the appointed Psalm for the day. If applicable, members of the family may take turns reading the Psalm for the Day.

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Morning	148	1,2	5	8,9	10	14,15	18
Evening	149,150	3	4,6	7	11,12	13	16,17

PSALM PRAYER

L Heavenly Father, God of all grace, govern our hearts that we may never forget Your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life until, with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

C Amen.

<p>L What is the Ninth Commandment?</p> <p>C You shall not covet your neighbor’s house..</p>	Preschool +
<p>L What does this mean?</p> <p>C We should fear and love God that we do not scheme to get our neighbor’s inheritance or house, or obtain it by a show of right, but do all we can to help him keep it.</p>	First Grade +
<p>L What is the Tenth Commandment?</p> <p>C You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, workers, animals, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.</p>	Preschool +
<p>L What does this mean?</p> <p>C We should fear and love God that we do not force or entice away our neighbor’s spouse, workers, or animals, but urge them to stay and do their duty.</p>	Second Grade +

DAILY READINGS

	Bible Stories for the Family	Through the Bible in Two Years
Tuesday	The prophet Nathan confronts David with his sin 2 Samuel 11:26–12:15	Ezekiel 10-11
Wednesday	David's son dies and Solomon is born 2 Samuel 12:16-25	Ezekiel 12-13
Thursday	Absalom dishonors his father by treason 2 Samuel 15:1-15	Ezekiel 14-15
Friday	Look-ahead to Sunday's Epistle Romans 1:16,17	Ezekiel 16-17
Saturday	Look-ahead to Sunday’s Gospel Matthew 22:1-14	Ezekiel 18
Sunday	Absalom’s defeat and death 2 Samuel 18:1, 5-18, 31–19:6	Ezekiel 19
Monday	David's sacrifice 1 Chronicles 21:1–22:1	Ezekiel 20-21

PRAYERS

Collect for the Week of the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

L Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Daily Themes for Prayer

- Tuesday: Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*
- Wednesday: Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling sin.*
- Thursday: Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for single persons, that they may be at peace in their lives and realize God's plan for them.*
- Friday: Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*
- Saturday: Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*
- Sunday: Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*
- Monday: Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*

In Our Prayers this Week

Richard Harp, as he continues to recover from surgery and has begun the process of rehabilitation.

Delores Adelung, as she continues to deal with painful health issues and undergoes surgery this week.

Arleta Bauch, for continued strength and patience as she continues to deal with heart complications.

Phyllis Butterfield, as she continues to battle painful health issues.

Our shut-ins, that they may be comforted in their loneliness by your gracious presence.

Austin Adelung, Jamie Darby, and Katrina Meyer, as they celebrate birthdays this week.

Pastor Earle Treptow, our District President, as he contemplates a call to serve as a professor at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI.

The congregation of Christ in Grand Island, NE, as they continue to issue calls to fill their vacant pastor position.

The men who helped build the deck, give thanks for their willingness to take time out of their busy schedules and lives to improve the property of the church.

LORD'S PRAYER

- C** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

Morning

C In the name of the Father, and of the Son (✠), and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.¹

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening

C In the name of the Father, and of the Son (✠), and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.¹

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God | CW 610



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God Through all our
3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther



hands and voic - es, Who won - drous things has done,
life be near us, With ev - er - joy - ful hearts
now be giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns



In whom his world re - joic - es, Who from our
And bless - ed peace to cheer us And keep us
With them in high - est heav - en, The one e -



moth - er's arms Has blessed us on our way With
in his grace And guide us when per - plexed And
ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore! For



count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
free us from all ills In this world and the next.
thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

¹ Luther, in his *Small Catechism*, encourages Christians who pray the Morning and Evening prayers: "In the morning when you get up and in the evening when you go to bed, make the sign of the holy cross over your head and heart and say, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son (✠), and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.'"