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# THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

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*The Week of the Minor Festival of St. Luke, the Evangelist  
October 13-19, 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: God Made Us Male and Female and  
Gave Us the Gift of Marriage**

### INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

### APOSTLES' CREED

### VERSE

*Romans 3:20*

**L** By the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight,

**C** for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

### 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	19,20	22	26,27	30	32	33	35
Evening	21	23,24	25	28,29	31	34	36

### PSALM PRAYER

**L** Most gracious God, we give thanks for the joy and blessings that You grant to husbands and wives. Assist them always by Your grace that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their marriage vows, grow in love toward You and for each other, and come at last to the eternal joys that You have promised; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**C** Amen.

<p><b>L</b> What are the Ten Commandments?</p> <p><b>C</b> You shall have no other gods. Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, workers, animals, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.</p>	Preschool +
<p><b>L</b> What does God say about all these commandments?</p> <p><b>C</b> He says, "I the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to thousands who love me and keep my commandments."</p>	First Grade +
<p><b>L</b> What does this mean?</p> <p><b>C</b> God threatens to punish all who transgress these commandments. Therefore we should fear his anger and not disobey what he commands. But he promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore we should love and trust in him and gladly obey what he commands.</p>	Second Grade +

## DAILY READINGS

	Bible Stories for the Family		Through the Bible in Two Years
<b>Tuesday</b>	David appoints Solomon to succeed him	1 Kings 1:1-35	Ezekiel 10-11
<b>Wednesday</b>	Solomon prays for wisdom	1 Kings 3:1-15	Ezekiel 12-13
<b>Thursday</b>	Solomon's wise judgment	1 Kings 3:16-28	Ezekiel 14-15
<b>Friday</b>	Look-ahead to Sunday's Epistle	2 Timothy 4:5-11	Ezekiel 16-17
<b>Saturday</b>	Look-ahead to Sunday's Gospel	Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53	Ezekiel 18
<b>Sunday</b>	Solomon's Kingdom	1 Kings 4:1, 20-34	Ezekiel 19
<b>Monday</b>	Solomon Prepares to Build the Temple	1 Kings 5:1-18	Ezekiel 20-21

## PRAYERS

*Collect for the Week of the Minor Festival of St. Luke, the evangelist.*

**L** Almighty God, you called Saint Luke the physician to reveal in his gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Grant that by hearing and believing your Word we may be healed of all sin and serve you with willing hearts; through Jesus Christ 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 health issues.

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.

Abby Hansen, as she celebrates her birthday 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.

Marinda Ledermann, wife of seminary student, Gunnar Ledermann, who suffered a stroke cause by cranial bleeding.

For our congregation's Trunk-or-Treat event, that it may be a success and reach out to many in the community.

## 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.<sup>1</sup>

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.<sup>1</sup>


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


*Blest Be the Tie that Binds* | CW 494



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual  
4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer  
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain And sin we



Chris - tian love; The fel - low - ship of  
ar - dent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our  
bur - dens bear, And of - ten for each  
bit - ter pain; Yet, one in Christ and  
shall be free And per - fect love and



kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.  
oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.  
friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

<sup>1</sup> 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.'"