
THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

*The Week of the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 3-9, 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: *The Impossibility of Salvation is Only Possible with God*

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

VERSE

Psalms 139:13-14a

L You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb.

C I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made!

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	59	60,61	63,64	66	68	71	73
Evening	57,58	62	65	67,70	69	72	74

PSALM PRAYER

L Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, we humbly pray You so to guide and govern us by Your Word and Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget You but remember that we are ever walking in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

C Amen.

L What is the First Article?	<i>Preschool +</i>
C I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.	
L What does this mean?	<i>First Grade +</i>
C I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind, and all my abilities.	
C And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.	<i>Second Grade +</i>

DAILY READINGS

	Bible Stories for the Family		Through the Bible in Two Years
Tuesday	Solomon's heart turns from the Lord	1 Kings 11:1-13	Ezekiel 35-36
Wednesday	Solomon's death & the revolt against Rehoboam	1 Kings 11:41-12:19	Ezekiel 37-38
Thursday	Jeroboam and the Golden Calves	1 Kings 12:20-33	Ezekiel 39
Friday	Look-ahead to Sunday's Epistle	Revelation 7:9-17	Ezekiel 40
Saturday	Look-ahead to Sunday's Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12	Ezekiel 41-42
Sunday	The Man of God comes to Bethel	1 Kings 13:1-34	Ezekiel 43
Monday	The House of Jeroboam and the Northern Kingdom	1 Kings 14:1-20	Ezekiel 44-45

PRAYERS

Collect for the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost:

- L** O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; 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

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

Mannie Reinsch, as he celebrates his birthday this week.

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

Pastor Earle Treptow, as he and his family make the transition to Mequon, WI after accepting the call to serve as professor at the Seminary.

Pastor Phillip Hirsch, as he begins the process of taking over the duties of District President of the Nebraska District.

Marinda Ledermann, wife of seminary student, Gunnar Ledermann, who continues to recover after suffering a stroke cause by cranial bleeding.

Thanks for our congregation's successful Trunk-or-Treat event, that the event may serve as a means to reach the unchurched.

Tom & Marlene Hansen as they celebrate their wedding anniversary this week.

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

Salvation Unto Us Has Come | CW 390 (1-5)

1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace
2 What God does in his law de - mand And none to him
3 It is a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God his law
4 Yet as the law must be ful - filled Or we must die
5 Since Christ has full a - tone - ment made And brought to us

and fa - vor. Good works can - not a - vert our doom;
can ren - der Brings wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand
has giv - en That sin - ners can them - selves re - deem
de - spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled,
sal - va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad

They help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to
For man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has
And by their works gain heav - en. The law is
Our hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for
And build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a -

Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
not those pure de - sires The spir - it of the
but a mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
us the law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's
lone, dear Lord, I plead; Your death is now my

world a - tone; He is the one Re - deem - er.
law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
venge - ance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.
life in - deed, For you have paid my ran - som.

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.'"