
THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

*The Week of the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 10-16, 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: *Christ is Our Righteousness*

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

VERSE

Isaiah 7:14

L The Lord Himself will give you a sign:

C Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

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	75,76	78	80	82,84	85	88	89
Evening	77	79	81	83	86	87	90

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 Second Article?	
C I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.	<i>Preschool +</i>
L What does this mean?	
C I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.	<i>First Grade +</i>
C He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.	<i>Second Grade +</i>

DAILY READINGS

	Bible Stories for the Family		Through the Bible in Two Years
Tuesday	The house of Rehoboam and the Southern Kingdom	1 Kings 14:21-31	Ezekiel 46
Wednesday	King Ahab and the drought	1 Kings 16:29–17:7	Ezekiel 47-48
Thursday	Look-ahead to Sunday's Old Testament reading	Isaiah 52:1-6	Daniel 1
Friday	Look-ahead to Sunday's Epistle	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Daniel 2
Saturday	Look-ahead to Sunday's Gospel	Matthew 25:1-13	Daniel 3-4
Sunday	Elijah's message to Ahab	1 Kings 18:1-19	Daniel 5
Monday	The Prophet Elijah goes to the Widow of Zarephath	1 Kings 17:8-24	Daniel 6

PRAYERS

Collect for the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost:

L Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, 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

For our veterans, whose sacrifices have given us the incredible freedoms we enjoy in this country.

For Arleta Bauch, in thanks after learning of good news regarding her heart issues.

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

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.

For Chris Driesbach, as he continues to spread the life-giving message of the Gospel through his music ministry.

Jim & Wanda Cantrell, 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

Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness | CW 376



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day— Who can a
3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve were sin - ners more Than sands up -
5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my



are, my glo - rious dress; Mid flam - ing worlds, in
word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly through you ab -
ver - y throne of God For - ev - er will for
on the o - cean shore, You have for all a
man - sion in the skies, E'en then this shall be



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
solved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
sin - ners plead, For me—e'en for my soul—was shed.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.
all my plea: Je - sus has lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
Your boundless mercy has for me,
For me and all your hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

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.'"