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# THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

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*The Week of the celebration of Christ the King  
November 17-23, 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: I Believe in the Communion of Saints!**

### INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

### APOSTLES' CREED

### VERSE

*Isaiah 53:5*

**L** He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities;

**C** The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, And by His wounds we are healed.

### 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	91	92	95,96	98,100	101	103	105
Evening	93	94	97	99	102	104	106

### 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.

<p><b>L</b> What is the Second Article?</p> <p><b>C</b> 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.</p>	Preschool +
<p><b>L</b> What does this mean?</p> <p><b>C</b> 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.</p>	First Grade +
<p><b>C</b> 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This is most certainly true.</p>	Second Grade +

## DAILY READINGS

	Bible Stories for the Family		Through the Bible in Two Years
<b>Tuesday</b>	The LORD's victory on Mt. Carmel	1 Kings 18:20-40	Ezekiel 46
<b>Wednesday</b>	The drought ends and Elijah escapes Jezebel	1 Kings 18:41-19:9a	Ezekiel 47-48
<b>Thursday</b>	The LORD's revelation to Elijah	1 Kings 19:9b-21	Daniel 1
<b>Friday</b>	Look-ahead to Sunday's Epistle	1 Corinthians 15:20-28	Daniel 2
<b>Saturday</b>	Look-ahead to Sunday's Gospel	Matthew 27:27-31	Daniel 3-4
<b>Sunday</b>	Naboth's vineyard	1 Kings 21:1-16	Daniel 5
<b>Monday</b>	The LORD condemns Ahab	1 Kings 21:17-29	Daniel 6

## PRAYERS

*Collect for Christ the King Sunday:*

- L** Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father 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 Steve Kruschel of Geneva and Sutton, NE, as he and his family consider a call to Eden Prairie, MN.

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.<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.

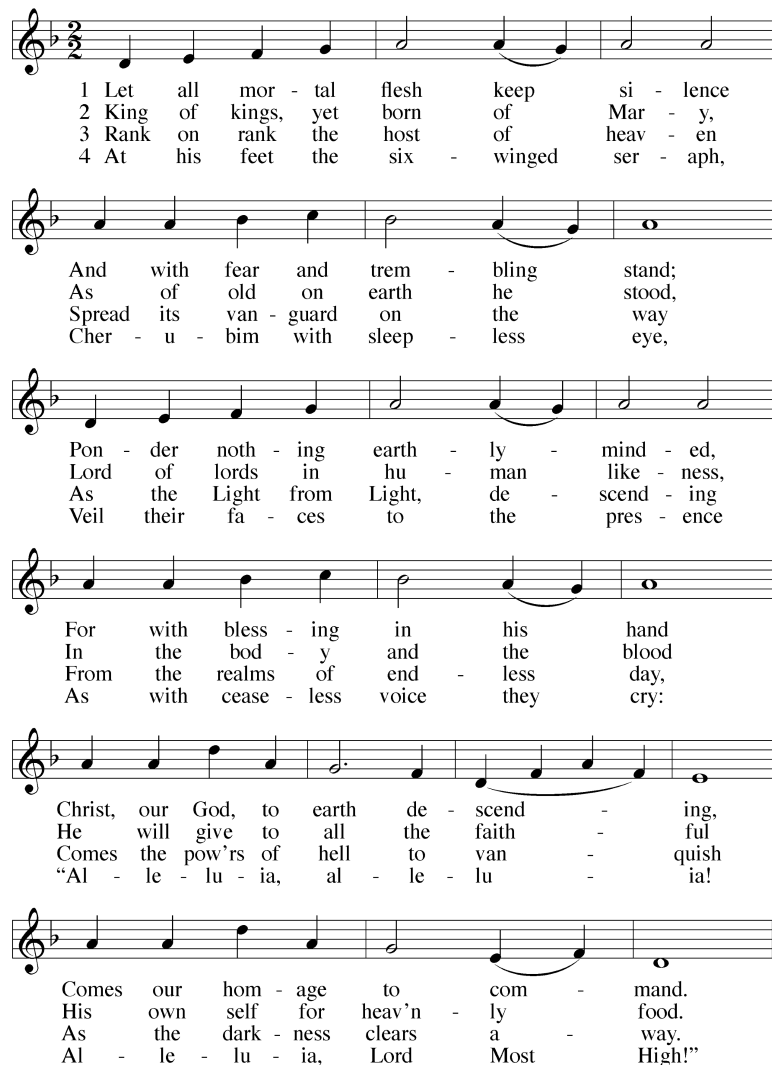
### Evening

**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

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent* | CW 361



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence  
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y,  
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en  
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph,  
And with fear and trem - bling stand;  
As of old on earth he stood;  
Spread its van - guard on the way,  
Cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,  
Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
Lord of lords in hu - man like - ness,  
As the Light from Light, de - scend - ing  
Veil their fa - ces to the pres - ence  
For with bless - ing in his hand  
In the bod - y and the blood  
From the realms of end - less day,  
As with cease - less voice they cry:  
Christ, our God, to earth de - scend - ing,  
He will give to all the faith - ful  
Comes the pow'rs of hell to van - quish  
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Comes our hom - age to com - mand.  
His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
As the dark - ness clears a way.  
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

<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.'"