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# THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

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*The Second Sunday in Lent*

*February 16-22, 2016*

## 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 "Group" (G). The whole family should try to learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

**Theme: Jesus Speaks with Power and Authority!**

### INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross ☩ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**G** Amen.

### APOSTLES' CREED

### VERSE

*James 5:16*

**L** Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

**G** The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

### DAILY PSALM

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Morning	71	73	75,76	78	80	82,84	85
Evening	72	74	77	79	81	83	86

*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.*

### PSALM PRAYER

**L** O God, You are my righteousness and the Rock of my salvation. Come to my help and defense in the battle against sin and the power of Satan. Teach me to rely upon You and confess Your name at all times, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**G** Amen.

<b>L</b> Fourth: What does baptizing with water mean?	
<b>G</b> Baptism means that the old Adam in us should be drowned by daily contrition and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.	Third Grade +
<b>L</b> Where is this written?	
<b>G</b> St. Paul says in Romans, chapter 6:	Kindergarten +
<b>G</b> “We were buried with Christ through baptism into death	First Grade +
<b>G</b> in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. [Romans 6:4]	Second Grade +

## DAILY READINGS

*In 2016, we will be working through a Harmony of the Four Gospels, following Jesus’ birth, life, and death chronologically as the Gospels present it.*

	Bible Stories for the Family	Through the Bible in Two Years
<b>Tuesday</b>	The First Miracle & Jesus and His Family’s Visit to Capernaum [Cana & Capernaum; End of A.D. 26–Autumn of A.D. 27] John 2:1-12	Matthew 26-27
<b>Wednesday</b>	Christ’s First Cleansing of the Temple [The Passover Festival at Jerusalem; Spring of A.D. 27] John 2:13-25	Matthew 28
<b>Thursday</b>	The First Lesson for the Second Sunday in Lent Jeremiah 26:8-15	Mark 1-2
<b>Friday</b>	The Epistle Lesson for the Second Sunday in Lent Philippians 3:17-4:1	Mark 3-4
<b>Saturday</b>	The Gospel for the Second Sunday in Lent Luke 13:31-35	Mark 5
<b>Sunday</b>	Jesus and Nicodemus John 3:1-21	Mark 6
<b>Monday</b>	A Test of Loyalty [Judean countryside; Spring to Autumn of A.D. 27] John 3:22-36	Mark 7-8

## PRAYERS

*Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent:*

**L** Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## Daily Themes for Prayer

- Tuesday:** For the Church in our nation and throughout the world; for the congregations, clergy, laity, officers, teachers and students of theology of our synod; for church bodies of our fellowship around the globe; for organizations for men's, women's, and youth work. For children of the Church; for Christian education; for parish schools; for teachers and assistants.
- Wednesday:** For families, children, relatives, and friends; for Christian marriages; for the nurture of children in the gospel. For young people and young people's work in the church. For single people and their labor in the Lord. For households; for the men and women of the congregation.
- Thursday:** For our country and its people; for repentance, faith, love, honesty, and obedience to law; for unity, justice, and peace; for those in authority: the president, the congress, the governor, city officials, and all those who make and administer our laws; for our armed forces at home and abroad; for good citizenship. For the commerce, industry, and agriculture in our land. For all useful arts; for the right use of science and technology. For enemies; for the indifferent; for the lapsed.
- Friday:** For the suffering; for the poor; for the hungry and cold; for refugees; for prisoners; for the oppressed; for the mentally ill; for the despairing. For social workers; for chaplains; for doctors and nurses; for hospitals and other relief agencies. For those in the congregation who suffer: the aged, the sick, the dying, the bereaved, and the lonely.
- Saturday:** For the services tomorrow: for worshipers, listeners, and communicants. For other congregations, their services and ministers. Remembrance of the departed; preparation of the Church for the coming of Christ; remembrance of the brevity of life and of judgment to come; prayer for a blessed death.
- Sunday:** For the holy Christian Church and the congregation; that the blessing of worship and preaching may continue through the week; for the practice of family worship; for the baptized and communicants; for those absent from worship.
- Monday:** For the missions of the Church; for the proclamation of the gospel in all the world; for new and established churches; for organizations that promote and support missions and missionaries; for the raising up of leaders at home and abroad; for zeal in missions at home and open doors throughout the world; for oneness in Spirit and brotherly love. For fellow workers in the parish: Sunday school and Lutheran elementary school teachers, altar guild, musicians, elders, deaconesses, trustees, elected officers, leaders, and volunteers of every kind in the congregation. For one's own vocation and daily work; for the unemployed.

## In Our Prayers this Week

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

Ezra Seelow, in thanks and praise as he was made a child of God through the waters of baptism this past weekend.

The family of Mabel Lade, as they remember the day of her death this week, that they continue to be comforted by the promise of the Resurrection and life everlasting.

Barb Stutz, as she celebrates her birthday this week, that the Lord grant to her another year of blessing and grace.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**G** 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

**G** 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

**G** 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 OF THE DAY FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT *Lord, You I Love with All My Heart* | CW 434

### 434 Lord, You I Love with All My Heart

Text: Martin M. Schalling, 1532-1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.  
Tune: HERZLICH LIEB HAB ICH DICH, O HERR (887 887 88 88 488) *Zwey Bücher* . . . Tabulatur, Strassburg, 1577, alt.

<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.'"