
THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

*The Week of the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2015 — September 12, 2015*

Catechesis Notes for the Week—The First and Second Commandments—*The Ten Commandments preach repentance. The message of God’s Law is necessary in order that we might receive the Gospel in repentant hearts. This is ever most true for the first and second commandments. Luther, in his Large Catechism, writes: “What does it mean to have a god? What is God? Answer: A god means that from which we are to expect all good and to which we are to take refuge in all distress, so to have a God is nothing else than to trust and believe in such from the heart.” (LC: 1:1-2) It is true; we do not call on God’s name as we should. We do not trust him with our entire heart, soul and mind. We place our trust in earthly and trivial things. Kyrie, eleison! Lord, have mercy!*

This week we focus on the 1st and 2nd Commandments. May we learn them. May we take them to heart. May we be comforted by God’s Holy Word so that we may cling to the blessed hope of eternal life through Christ. May the Lord bless our time in his Word and in prayer!

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: You Shall Have No Other Gods!

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

APOSTLES’ CREED

VERSE

Psalm 73:26

L My flesh and my heart fail;

C But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

PSALM PRAYER

L Almighty God, our heavenly Father, without Your help our labor is useless, and without Your light our search is in vain. Invigorate our study of Your holy Word that, by due diligence and right discernment, we may establish ourselves and others in Your holy faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

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	85	88	89	91	92	95,96	98,100
Evening	86	87	90	93	94	97	99

<p>L What is the First Commandment?</p> <p>C You shall have no other gods.</p>	Preschool +
<p>L What does this mean?</p> <p>C We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.</p>	First Grade +
<p>L What is the Second Commandment?</p> <p>C You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.</p>	Preschool +
<p>L What does this mean?</p> <p>C We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie, or deceive, or use witchcraft, but call upon God’s name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.</p>	Second Grade +

DAILY READINGS

	Bible Stories for the Family	Through the Bible in Two Years
Tuesday	Defilement Comes from Within Mark 7:14-23	Jeremiah 15-17
Wednesday	Saul Persecutes David 1 Samuel 19:1-24	Jeremiah 18-19
Thursday	Jonathan Befriends David 1 Samuel 20:1-23	Jeremiah 20-22
Friday	Jonathan Keeps His Promise to David 1 Samuel 20:24-42	Jeremiah 23
Saturday	A look ahead to Sunday’s Gospel Matthew 18:21-35	Jeremiah 24-25
Sunday	David Flees from Saul 1 Samuel 21:1—22:2	Jeremiah 26
Monday	Saul Murders the Priests of Nob 1 Samuel 22:3-23	Jeremiah 27-28

PRAYERS

Collect for the Week of the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

L Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; 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 the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.
- Wednesday: 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.
- 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 our communities and neighborhoods.
- 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 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.
- Sunday: 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.
- Monday: Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.

In Our Prayers this Week

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Reuben Brei, who has been hospitalized.

Richard Harp, who will undergo surgery this week.
Delores Adelung and Arleta Bauch, who have been battling health issues.

LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

Morning

C 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.

Evening

C 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.

HYMN

From Depths of Woe I Cry to You | CW 305



1 From depths of woe I cry to you; Lord, hear me,
2 Your love and grace a - lone a - vail To blot out
3 There - fore my hope is in the Lord And not in
4 My soul is wait - ing for the Lord As one who



I im - plore you. Bend down your gra - cious ear to me;
my trans - gres - sion. The best and ho - liest deeds must fail
my own mer - it; It rests up - on his faith - ful Word
longs for morn - ing; No watch - er waits with great - er hope



My prayer let come be - fore you. If you kept
To break sin's dread op - pres - sion. Be - fore you
To them of con - trite spir - it. That he is
Than I for his re - turn - ing. I hope as



rec - ord of my sin And held a - gainst me
none can boast - ing stand, But all must fear your
mer - ci - ful and just— This is my com - fort
Is - rael in the Lord; He sends re - demp - tion



what I've been, How could I stand be - fore you?
strict de - mand And live a - lone by mer - cy.
and my trust. His help I wait with pa - tience.
through his Word. We praise him for his mer - cy.