
THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

*The Week of the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 2015 — September 21, 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: O LORD, Open My Lips and My Mouth Will Declare Your Praise!

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

VERSE

Psalm 111:10

L The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

C His praise endures forever!

PSALM PRAYER

L O Lord, grant us Your grace that we might believe and confess that our life, soul, and salvation is a gift of Your all-sufficient grace and blessing through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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	101	103	105	107	109	112,113	115
Evening	102	104	106	108	110,111	114	116

<p>L What is the Third Commandment?</p> <p>C Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.</p>	Preschool +
<p>L What does this mean?</p> <p>C We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.</p>	First Grade +
<p>L What is the Fourth Commandment?</p> <p>C Honor your father and mother, [that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.</p>	Preschool + [First Grade +]
<p>L What does this mean?</p> <p>C We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents and others in authority, but honor, serve, and obey them, and give them love and respect.</p>	Second Grade +

DAILY READINGS

	Bible Stories for the Family		Through the Bible in Two Years
Tuesday	Jesus Heals a Deaf Mute	Mark 7:24-37	Jeremiah 29
Wednesday	David saves the city of Keilah	1 Samuel 23:1-13	Jeremiah 30-32
Thursday	David hides in the wilderness	1 Samuel 23:14-29	Jeremiah 33
Friday	Look-ahead to Sunday's Epistle	Romans 9:6-16	Jeremiah 34-35
Saturday	Look-ahead to Sunday's Gospel	Matthew 20:1-16	Jeremiah 36-37
Sunday	David spares Saul's life	1 Samuel 24:1-25:1	Jeremiah 38
Monday	David and Abigail	1 Samuel 25:2-44	Jeremiah 39-40

PRAYERS

Collect for the Week of the Sixteenth 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 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

Reuben Brei, who has been hospitalized.

Richard Harp, for quick and effective recovery from surgery.

Delores Adelong and Arleta Bauch, who have been battling health issues.

The families of the tragic events of 9/11/01, that they may find peace and solace through your Word and promises

Danica Hernandez and Brianna Lange, as they celebrate their birthdays 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.**

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.

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 and say, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son (✠), and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.'"*

God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way; In death it
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a sharp sign for the key signature, and a 4/4 time signature. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The second staff continues with: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter). The third staff continues with: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The fourth staff continues with: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter). The fifth staff continues with: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The score ends with a double bar line.