
THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

*The Week of the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 22, 2015 — September 28, 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: Lord, I Believe; Help My Unbelief!

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

VERSE

Romans 5:19

L For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners,

C so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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	117,118	119:1-24	119:89-112	119:137-152	122	124	126
Evening	120,121	119:25-48	119:113-136	119:153-176	123	125	127

PSALM PRAYER

L Almighty God, You have promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in Your Son's name. Mercifully incline Your ears to us who have now made our prayers and supplications to You, and grant that those things that we have faithfully asked according to Your will we may receive to meet our need and bring glory to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

C Amen.

<p>L What is the Fifth Commandment?</p> <p>C You shall not murder.</p>	Preschool +
<p>L What does this mean?</p> <p>C We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.</p>	First Grade +
<p>L What is the Sixth Commandment?</p> <p>C You shall not commit adultery.</p>	Preschool +
<p>L What does this mean?</p> <p>C We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.</p>	Second Grade +

DAILY READINGS

	Bible Stories for the Family		Through the Bible in Two Years
Tuesday	David spares Saul's life a 2nd time.	1 Samuel 26:1-25	Jeremiah 41-43
Wednesday	Saul seeks counsel from a medium.	1 Samuel 28:3-25	Jeremiah 44-45
Thursday	The tragic death of King Saul	1 Samuel 31:1-13	Jeremiah 46-49
Friday	Look-ahead to Sunday's Epistle	Philippians 3:12-21	Jeremiah 50
Saturday	Look-ahead to Sunday's Gospel	Matthew 21:33-43	Jeremiah 51
Sunday	David mourns the death of Saul	2 Samuel 1:1-27	Jeremiah 52
Monday	David reigns over all Israel	2 Samuel 5:1-25	Lamentations 1

PRAYERS

Collect for the Week of the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

L Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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

The family of Reuben Brei, who fell asleep in the Lord this past week.

Richard Harp, for quick and effective recovery from surgery.

Delores Adelung, as she deals with painful health issues.

Arleta Bauch, for continued strength and patience as she continues to deal with heart complications.

Bryce and Tanya Scherling, as they celebrate their 11th wedding anniversary.

Our Sunday School teachers, for zeal and passion as they begin their work teaching and leading the children of our congregation.

Randy Kahle, for faith and guidance as he steps into his role on the church council.

The men who helped build the deck, give thanks for their willingness to take time out of their busy schedules and lives to improve the property of the church.

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.

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.'"



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My
 4 By you my prayers ac - cept - ance gain Al -
 5 O Je - sus, Shep - herd, Guard - ian, Friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
 shield and hid - ing place, My nev - er - fail - ing
 though with sin de - filed; Sa - tan ac - cus - es
 Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my Life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way all fear.
 hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
 trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
 me in vain For God calls me his child.
 Way, my End, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

6 I praise in weakness from afar—
 How cold my warmest thought!
 But when I see you as you are,
 I'll praise you as I ought.

7 Till then I would your love proclaim
 With ev'ry fleeting breath;
 And may the music of your name
 Refresh my soul in death.