
THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

*The Week of the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 2015 — October 5, 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: Whoever Receives One of These Little
Children in My Name Receives Me**

INVOCATION

- L** In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✚, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

VERSE

Romans 5:8

- L** God demonstrates his own love toward us,
C in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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	128,129	131,132	135	137,138	140,141	144	147
Evening	130	133,134	136	139	142,143	145	146

PSALM PRAYER

- L** Almighty God, grant that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, may be renewed by Your Holy Spirit to live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
C Amen.

<p>L What is the Seventh Commandment?</p> <p>C You shall steal.</p>	Preschool +
<p>L What does this mean?</p> <p>C We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor’s money or property, or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him to improve his property and means of income.</p>	First Grade +
<p>L What is the Eighth Commandment?</p> <p>C You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.</p>	Preschool +
<p>L What does this mean?</p> <p>C We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, or give him a bad name, but defend him, speak well of him, and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way.</p>	Second Grade +

DAILY READINGS

	Bible Stories for the Family	Through the Bible in Two Years
Tuesday	The Ark is brought to Jerusalem. 2 Samuel 6:1-19	Lamentations 2-3
Wednesday	God’s covenant with David. 2 Samuel 7:1-17	Lamentations 4-5
Thursday	David’s thanksgiving to God. 2 Samuel 7:18-29	Ezekiel 1-2
Friday	Look-ahead to Sunday’s Epistle Revelation 5	Ezekiel 3-4
Saturday	Look-ahead to Sunday’s Gospel Luke 1:57, 62-79	Ezekiel 5
Sunday	David shows kindness to Mephibosheth 2 Samuel 9:1-13	Ezekiel 6-7
Monday	David and Bathsheba 2 Samuel 11:1-17, 22-25	Ezekiel 8-9

PRAYERS

Collect for the Week of the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- L** Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; 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 two weeks ago.

Richard Harp, for quick and effective recovery from surgery.

Delores Adelong, as she continues to deal with painful health issues and faces surgery.

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

Phyllis Butterfield, as she continues to battle painful health issues.

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

Rachael Carpenter and Bryce Scherling, as they celebrate birthdays this week.

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.

HYMN

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
Bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!
Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er;
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o - ra - tion
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
Than all the an - gels in the sky.
Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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.'"