
THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

May 24-30, 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: One God, Three Persons

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.¹

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

G Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

VERSE

Ephesians 4:4-6

G There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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	109	112,113	115	117,118	119:1-24	119:49-72	119:89-112
Evening	110,111	114	116	120,121	119:25-48	119:73-88	119:113-136

PSALM PRAYER

L Heavenly Father, the idols of our flesh cannot satisfy the deepest yearnings of our hearts. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we might ever entrust ourselves to our Lord Jesus Christ, believe in His precious Gospel, and confess His holy name in the face of every adversity. Christ alone is our goodness. Help us to believe that apart from Him our goodness is nothing, but that in Christ we have eternal righteousness and the fullness of eternal joy; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

¹ The name of the Triune God and the sign of the cross reminds worshipers of their baptisms. Martin Luther wrote in his *Small Catechism*, "In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross and say, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'"



<p>L What is the First Article?</p> <p>C I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.</p> <p>L What is the Second Article?</p> <p>C I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.</p> <p>L What is the Third Article?</p> <p>C I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.</p>	Kindergarten +
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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
Tuesday	The necessity for childlikeness, tolerance, and forgiveness (<i>Matthew</i>) Matthew 18:1-35	1 Corinthians 11-12
Wednesday	The necessity for childlikeness, tolerance, and forgiveness (<i>Mark & Luke</i>) Mark 9:33b-50; Luke 9:46-50	1 Corinthians 13
Thursday	First Lesson for Pentecost 2 1 Kings 8:22,23,41-43	1 Corinthians 14
Friday	Second Lesson for Pentecost 2 Galatians 1:1-10	1 Corinthians 15
Saturday	Gospel for Pentecost 2 Luke 7:1-10	1 Corinthians 16
Sunday	The mistaken zeal of James and John Luke 9:51-56; John 7:10	2 Corinthians 1-2
Monday	Would-be followers of Christ Matthew 8:19-22; Luke 9:57-62	2 Corinthians 3-4

PRAYERS

Prayer for the Second Sunday after Pentecost

L O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, 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

Les Adelung, as he celebrates the anniversary of his baptism, that he remember the grace into which he was brought and that he daily relies on the power and peace this blessed sacrament offers.

Trevor Adelung, as he celebrates his birthdays this week, that the Lord bless him with another year of his grace and mercy.

A certain friend of the Church, who is continues to struggle with faith, that this individual may be comforted by the promises of God's Word, and that he or she may find peace in the grace shown to them in Baptism.

For all who serve or have served in the military, that almighty God would stretch his almighty arm to strengthen and protect those who serve, and that those who have returned with the pains of war in their memory find peace and safety in our Lord's comforting promises.

For graduates, that Jesus shower his gifts and graces on them, that they are truly grateful to all who have helped them with their education, and that they demonstrate true wisdom and understanding by fearing and loving God and by keeping his commands.

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.²

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.²

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 PENTECOST 2

We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost | CW 190

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1 We now in - plo re God the Ho - ly Ghost
 2 Shine in our hearts, O most pre - cious Light,
 3 O sa - cred Love, grace on us be - stow,
 4 O high - est Com - fort in ev - 'ry need,
 For the true faith which we need the most,
 That we Je - sus Christ may know a - right,
 Set our hearts with heav'n - ly fire a - glow
 Grant that nei - ther shame nor death we heed
 That in our last mo - ments he may be -
 Cling - ing to our Sav - ior, whose blood has
 That with hearts u - nit - ed we love each
 That e'en then our cour - age may nev - er
 friend us And, as home - ward we jour - ney,
 bought us, Who a - gain to our home - land
 oth - er, Of one mind, in peace with ev -
 fail us When the foe shall ac - cuse and
 at - tend us. Lord, have mer - cy!
 has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!
 ry broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!
 as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: German hymn, c. 13th century, st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483-1546, st. 2-4; tr. composite.
 Tune: NUN BITTEN WIR (99 11 10 4) *Geistliche gesungk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524, alt.

² 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.'"