
THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

May 31-June 6, 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: Say the Word, and Your Servant Will Be Healed.

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

Hebrews 13:8

G Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever

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	119:15-48	119:73-88	119:113-136

PSALM PRAYER

L O Lord, Your name is excellent in all the earth for You have loved us poor and undeserving sinners with an everlasting love that moved You to give Your Son into death for our salvation. You have made us a little lower than the angels, but in Christ You have exalted us to Your right hand and given us dominion over all the works of Your hands, having put all things under our feet. For all Your exceedingly great and precious blessings we give You thanks and praise through 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 does God’s Word say to Employers and Supervisors?</p> <p>G Treat your employees in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.</p>	<p><i>Third Grade + Ephesians 6:9</i></p>
<p>L What does God’s Word say to Youth?</p> <p>G Young men, be submissive to those who are older. Clothe yourselves with humbly toward one another, because “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”</p>	<p><i>First Grade + 1 Peter 5:5</i></p>
<p>G Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, the the may lift you up in due time.</p>	<p><i>Second Grade + 1 Peter 5:6</i></p>

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	Jesus at the Feast of Tabernacles	John 7:11-52	1 Corinthians 11-12
Wednesday	Christ and the Adulteress	John 7:53-8:11	1 Corinthians 13
Thursday	First Lesson for the 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 8:22,23,41-43	1 Corinthians 14
Friday	Second Lesson for the 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	Galatians 1:1-10	1 Corinthians 15
Saturday	Gospel for the 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	Luke 7:1-10	1 Corinthians 16
Sunday	The hostility of the religious leaders	John 8:12-59	2 Corinthians 1-2
Monday	The healing of a man born blind	John 9:1-10:21	2 Corinthians 3-4

PRAYERS

Prayer for the Second Sunday after Pentecost:

L O God, by Your almighty Word You set in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful, and give us those things that are beneficial for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Prayer for Christian Employers

L Gracious Lord, You have given us great responsibilities and authority as employers and supervisors of others. Teach us by Your grace and mercy to treat our workers and those who are under us with respect, understanding, and compassion. Give us a humble spirit toward them and help us to see our workers as

gifts of God who depend upon us for their livelihood and who enable us to be of greater service to others for whom we perform our life's work; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

G Amen.

Prayer for Youth

L O Lord, as You in humility and faith submitted Yourself to Mary and Joseph and to every authority instituted among men for our salvation, teach us to submit to our elders and to believe that You will accomplish Your good purposes in our lives and in the lives of others through such honor and respect; in Your holy name we pray.

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

Chris Stutz and Spencer Hansen, as they celebrate the anniversary of their confirmations, that they continue to remember their vows and that the Lord hold them faithfully in his end to the end.

Randy Kahle, as he celebrates his birthday this week, that the Lord bless him with another year of his grace and mercy.

Arleta & Oscar Bauch and Tony & Tracy Wenz, as they celebrate their wedding anniversaries this week, that the Lord continue to bless their marriages and that they continue to grow in and with the Lord every day.

Bryce Scherling, as he faces 6-8 weeks in the hospital, that God give him patience and strength as he recovers from an illness.

Those who have served our country and given their lives, that we remember their sacrifice this Memorial Day, and that we never take the freedoms for which they fought and died for granted.

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 HOLY TRINITY

We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost | CW 190

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1 We now im-plore 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 He se-nds Christ may know a- right,
Ser-vice with heart, in-ly, fire, a- glowy;
Grant that nei-ther shante nor death we flee.

That in our last mo-ments he may be-
cling to our Sav-ior, whose blood has
That with hearts u-nit-ed we love each
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-
ry 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 Gesänge, Bachleyn, 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.'"