
THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 7-13, 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: Jesus Restores Life with God and One Another

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

Luke 7:16b

G "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

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	119:137-152	122,123	125,126	128,129	131,132	135	137,138
Evening	119:153-176	124	127	130	133,134	136	139

PSALM PRAYER

L O Lord, teach us to sing the new song of salvation in Jesus Christ our Savior, so that many might come to faith in Him and join us in the song of salvation to the ends of the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 Widows?</p> <p>G The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help.</p>	<p><i>Third Grade +</i> 1 Timothy 5:5</p>
<p>G But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even when she lives</p>	<p><i>Fourth Grade +</i> 1 Timothy 5:6</p>
<p>L What does God’s Word say to Everyone?</p> <p>G Love your neighbor as yourself. This is the sum of all the commandments.</p>	<p><i>First Grade +</i> Romans 13:8-10; Galatians 5:14</p>
<p>G And continue praying for everyone.</p>	<p><i>Second Grade +</i> 1 Timothy 2:1</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	The mission of the Seventy-Two	Luke 10:1-24	2 Corinthians 5
Wednesday	A test question	Luke 10:25-37	2 Corinthians 6-7
Thursday	First Lesson for the 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 17:17-24	2 Corinthians 8
Friday	Second Lesson for the 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	Galatians 1:11-24	2 Corinthians 9
Saturday	Gospel for the 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	Luke 7:11-17	2 Corinthians 10-11
Sunday	Jesus at the home of Mary and Martha	Luke 10:38-42	2 Corinthians 12-13
Monday	A discourse on Prayer	Luke 11:1-13	Galatians 1-2

PRAYERS

Prayer for the Third Sunday after Pentecost:

L O Lord, Father of all mercy and God of all comfort, You always go before and follow after us. Grant that we may rejoice in Your gracious presence and continually be given to all good works; 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 Widows

L Heavenly Father, comfort all widows who have lost their husbands and are left all alone. Give them strength and courage to put their hope in You and to cry out to You for help night and day. In their loneliness and sorrow, draw them closer to Your Divine Services and deliver them from the temptation to seek fulfillment from the pleasures of life that can never truly satisfy. Teach them to believe that they have

a sacred calling as widows to live by faith in the greater Bridegroom, who has laid down His life for His bride and in whom alone are pleasures forevermore, 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.

Prayer for Everyone

L O Lord, as You have loved us in place of Yourself and thereby fulfilled all of God's Law on our behalf, teach us to walk by faith in Your love in all that we do, to live in love and self-sacrifice toward others in our callings, and to pray for everyone in need, seeking not our own glory but the welfare and salvation of our neighbor; 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

Lois Brei, as she celebrates the anniversary of her confirmations, that she continue to remember her vows and that the Lord hold her faithfully in his hand to the end.

Lois Brei and Ila Schoning, as they celebrate the anniversary of their baptisms this week, that they continue to cherish and remember the grace into which they were baptized and that such knowledge daily brings them peace and forgiveness in Christ.

Wanda Cantrell, as she celebrates her birthday this week, that the Lord bless her with another year of his grace and mercy.

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

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

Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak | CW 561

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1 Lord, speak to us that we may speak In liv - ing
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead The wan-d'ring
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach The pre - cious
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, Un - til our

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
and the wa - v'ring feet. Oh, feed us, Lord, that
truths which you im - part, And wing our words that
ver - y hearts o'er - flow In kin - dling thought and

let us seek Your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
we may feed Your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach The hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
glow - ing word Your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79, abr., alt.
Tune: CANONBURY (LM) Robert A. Schumann, 1810–56, adapt.

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.'"