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# THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

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*The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

*June 14-23, 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: Your Sins Are Forgiven Is the Word that Gives Life!**

### INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross ✙ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.<sup>1</sup>*

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

**G** Amen.

### APOSTLES' CREED

#### VERSE

*2 Samuel 12:13b; Luke 7:50b*

**G** "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die." "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

### 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 |
|----------------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|--------|
| <b>Morning</b> | 140,141 | 144,145   | 148,149  | 1,2    | 5,6      | 9,10   | 13,14  |
| <b>Evening</b> | 142,143 | 146,147   | 150      | 3,4    | 7,8      | 11,12  | 15,16  |

### PSALM PRAYER

**L** O Lord God, heavenly Father, for the sake of Your Son You declare us righteous and forgive us all our sin. By Your absolution we enjoy every blessing of eternal salvation in Christ. Teach us to live in daily contrition and repentance, to turn from our sin in confession, and to believe that Christ is our righteousness and salvation that we might live joyfully and confidently in Your grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.'"



## THE CATECHISM

*During the summer season, no catechetical study will take place. We will take up the 10 Commandments in a Sermon Series later this summer.*

## 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 |
|------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | The healing of a mute demoniac                               | Luke 11:14-36               | Galatians 3                    |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | A denunciation of religious hypocrisy                        | Luke 11:37-12:12            | Galatians 4                    |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | First Lesson for the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  | 2 Samuel 11:26—12:10, 13-15 | Galatians 5                    |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Second Lesson for the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost | Galatians 2:11-21           | Galatians 6                    |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Gospel for the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost        | Luke 7:36-50                | Ephesians 1                    |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | Parables about worldliness and spiritual alertness           | Luke 12:13-59               | Ephesians 2                    |
| <b>Monday</b>    | The importance of repentance                                 | Luke 13:1-9                 | Ephesians 3                    |

## PRAYERS

### *Prayer for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost:*

**L** O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through 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**

Rick & Michelle Reinsch, and Pastor and Megan Seelow, as they celebrate their wedding anniversaries this week, that they once again be reminded of the love they have for each other and the love on which their marriage is based—Christ's.

Trevor Adelung, as he celebrates the anniversary of his baptism this week, that he continue to cherish and remember the grace into which he was baptized and that

such knowledge daily brings him peace and forgiveness in Christ.

Dan Pasbrig and Ashleigh Darby, as they celebrate their birthdays this week, that the Lord bless them with another year of his grace and mercy.

Bryce Scherling, as he continues his stay 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.<sup>2</sup>

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.<sup>2</sup>

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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.'"

## 479 Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me



1 Je - sus, your bound - less love to me No thought  
 2 Oh, grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell  
 3 This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue And daunt -  
 4 In suf - f'ring be your love my peace; In weak -



can reach, no tongue de - clare. Dwell in my heart e -  
 but your pure love a - lone; Oh, may your love pos -  
 less - ly to you as - pire. Oh, may your love my  
 ness be your love my pow'r; And when the storms of



ter - nal - ly, And reign with - out a ri - val there.  
 sess me whole, My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown!  
 hope re - new, Burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire!  
 life shall cease, O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour



To you a - lone, dear Lord, I live;  
 All cold - ness from my heart re - move;  
 And day and night be all my care  
 Be then my rod and staff and guide



My - self to you, dear Lord, I give.  
 My ev - 'ry act, word, thought be love.  
 To guard this sa - cred trea - sure there.  
 And draw me safe - ly to your side.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.  
 Tune: VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH, DER DU (88 88 88) attr. Martin Luther, 1483–1546.