
THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21-27, 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 Delivers Us from the Power of Satan*

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 8:39a

G "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you."

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	17	19,20	22	26,27	30	31	33,34
Evening	18	21	23,34	25	28,29	32	35,36

PSALM PRAYER

L O Lord, I have many enemies who attack my faith and accuse You of abandoning me. Deliver me from all those who attack me and teach me to rely upon your promises of salvation with confidence, 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.'"



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
Tuesday	The healing of a crippled woman	Luke 13:10-21	Ephesians 4
Wednesday	Jesus at the Festival of Dedication	John 10:22-39	Ephesians 5
Thursday	First Lesson for the 5 th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 11:26—12:10, 13-15	Philippians 1
Friday	Second Lesson for the 5 th Sunday after Pentecost	Galatians 2:11-21	Philippians 2
Saturday	Gospel for the 5 th Sunday after Pentecost	Luke 7:36-50	Philippians 3:1-4:1
Sunday	Jesus begins his ministry in Perea (on the east side of the Jordan River)	John 10:40-42; Luke 13:22	Philippians 4:2-23
Monday	A question whether few will be saved	Luke 13:23-35	Colossians 1

PRAYERS

Prayer for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:

L O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; 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

Spencer & Abby Hansen, as they celebrate their wedding anniversary 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.

Randy Kahle, 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.

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

The shooting victims in Orlando, that the Lord use this tragedy for good, to bring many to faith, to bring others back to him, and to give eternal comfort and peace to those who place their trust in Christ and him crucified.

The Graves Family, as they grieve the tragic loss of their son, that the Lord offer them peace and solace in the comfort of the resurrection and that he give them hope that, by his baptism, Landon is now in heaven.

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 5

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head | CW 536

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1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, You are her
 2 O Lord, let this your lit - tle flock, Your name a -
 3 Help us to serve you ev - er - more With hearts both
 4 And for your gos - pel let us dare To sac - ri -

one foun - da - tion. In you she trusts, be - fore you
 lone con - fess - ing, Con - tin - ue in your lov - ing
 pure and low - ly. And may your Word, that light di -
 fice all trea - sure; Teach us to bear your bless - ed

bows, And waits for your sal - va - tion. Built
 care, True u - ni - ty pos - sess - ing. Your
 vine, Shine on in splen - dor ho - ly That
 cross, To find in you all plea - sure. Oh,

on this rock se - cure, Your Church shall en - dure
 sac - ra - ments, O Lord, And your sav - ing Word
 we re - pent - ance show, In faith ev - er grow.
 grant us stead - fast - ness In joy and dis - tress.

Though all the world de - cay And all things
 To us e'er pure re - tain. Grant that they
 The pow'r of sin de - stroy And e - vils
 Lord, for your mer - cy's sake, Let us by

pass a - way. Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Je - sus!
 may re - main Our on - ly strength and com - fort.
 that an - noy. Oh, make us faith - ful Chris - tians.
 grace par - take Of end - less joy and glo - ry.

Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658-1734, abr.; tr. William J. Schaefer, 1891-1976, alt.
 Tune: REUTER (87/87 65 66 7) Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863-1924.

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.'"