
THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28–July 4, 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: *"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake.*

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 9:51

G "When the time had come for Him to be received up...He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem."

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	37,38	41,42	45,46	49,50	53,54	57,58	61,62
Evening	39,40	43,44	47,48	51,52	55,56	59,60	63,64

PSALM PRAYER

L O Lord Jesus, You took refuge in Your heavenly Father for us and for our salvation, in order that we might take refuge in You and in Your righteousness. When dark times surround us, the devil tempts us, and there seems to be no help or consolation for us, grant us the gift of Your Word and Spirit that our hearts might be focused with steadfast faith and confidence in Your unchangeable and eternal promises to us. As the Father did not abandon You to the grave, so grant us the courage to believe that You will not abandon us, for You live and reign with the Father 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.'"*



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 man with dropsy	Luke 14:1-24	Ephesians 4
Wednesday	Parables about the demands of True Discipleship	Luke 14:25-35	Ephesians 5
Thursday	First Lesson for the 6 th Sunday after Pentecost	Deuteronomy 30:9-14	Philippians 1
Friday	Second Lesson for the 6 th Sunday after Pentecost	Colossians 1:1-14	Philippians 2
Saturday	Gospel for the 6 th Sunday after Pentecost	Luke 10:25-37	Philippians 3:1-4:1
Sunday	Parables about a lost sheep, a lost coin, and a wayward son	Luke 15:1-32	Philippians 4:2-23
Monday	Parables about the advantageous use of money	Luke 16:1-31	Colossians 1

PRAYERS

Prayer for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost:

L O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Mark & Jamie Darby, 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.

Chris Stutz, 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.

Les Adelong, as he celebrates the anniversary of his confirmation, that he be reminded of his vows made to the Lord and the promises God has made and kept for him through all the years of his life.

The Brei family, as the one-year anniversary of Phil's mother, Phyllis, occurs this week, that they be comforted and given peace as they are reminded of the resurrection promise and the hope of eternal life through Christ.

Pastor Seelow, Danielle Hernandez, and Ramiro Harp, as they celebrate their birthdays this week, that the Lord bless them with another year of his grace and mercy.

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 6

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken | CW 465

465 **Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken**

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, abr. alt.
Tune: HYFRYDOL (87/87 D) Rowland H. Pritchard, 1811–87.

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.'"