
THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

*The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 5–11, 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: *The Kingdom of God Has Come Near to You.*

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 10:5b,9b

G "Peace to this house...The kingdom of God has come near to 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	65,66	69,70	73	75,76	78	80	82,84
Evening	67,68	71,72	74	77	79	81	83

PSALM PRAYER

L O Lord, the enemies of sin, death, and hell seek to destroy my faith. I call upon You for help and deliverance. Heal my wounded spirit and troubled conscience. Restore me by Your word of mercy and salvation that I may sing the praises of Your grace forever, 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	Teaching about Forgiveness, Faith, and Service	Luke 17:1-10	Colossians 2
Wednesday	Jesus' raising of Lazarus	John 11:1-44	Colossians 3
Thursday	First Lesson for the 7 th Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 66:10-14	Colossians 4
Friday	Second Lesson for the 7 th Sunday after Pentecost	Galatians 6:1-10,14-16	1 Thessalonians 1
Saturday	Gospel for the 7 th Sunday after Pentecost	Luke 10:1-12,16-20	1 Thessalonians 2
Sunday	Consequences of Jesus raising Lazarus	John 11:45-54	1 Thessalonians 3
Monday	The healing of ten lepers	Luke 17:11-19	1 Thessalonians 4

PRAYERS

Prayer for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:

L God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Daily Themes for Prayer

- Tuesday: Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*
- Wednesday: Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
- Thursday: Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*
- Friday: Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*
- Saturday: Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*
- Sunday: Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*

Monday: Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.

In Our Prayers this Week

Pastor Seelow, 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.

Piper Hansen and Corey Meyer, as they celebrate their birthdays this week, that the Lord bless them with another year of his grace and mercy.

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.

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.'"

711 Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal

1 Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal,
 2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent a - sun - der!
 3 Je - sus has come as the might - y Re - deem - er.
 4 Je - sus has come as the King of all glo - ry!

Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End;
 Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis - ap - pear.
 See now the threat - en - ing strong one dis - armed!
 Heav - en and earth, O de - clare his great pow'r,

God - head, hu - man - i - ty, u - nion su - per - nal,
 See him burst through with a voice as of thun - der!
 Je - sus breaks down all the walls of death's for - tress,
 Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en - ly sto - ry;

O great Re - deem - er, you come as our friend!
 He sets us free from our guilt and our fear.
 Brings forth the pris - 'ners tri - um - phant, un - harmed.
 Wel - come him now in this fast fleet - ing hour!

Heav - en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der:
 Lifts us from shame to the place of his hon - or.
 Sa - tan, you wick - ed one, own now your mas - ter!
 Pon - der his love! Take the crown he has for you!

Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal!
 Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!
 Je - sus has come! He, the might - y Re - deem - er!
 Je - sus has come! He, the King of all glo - ry!

This fresh-sounding Epiphany offering recounts the eternal treasures we possess in our Savior-King.

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