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# THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

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*The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 12-18, 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 Believer Loves His God and Neighbor.*

### 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

*Luke 10:27*

**G** "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

### 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	85	88	89	91	92	95,96	98,100
Evening	86	87	90	93	94	97	99

### PSALM PRAYER

**L** Lord Jesus, where two or three gather in your name, you promised to be with them and share their fellowship. Look on us, your family, and graciously bless us with unity and harmony; in your holy name, dear Lord, we pray.

**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>	A question about the coming of God's kingdom	Luke 17:20-37	1 Thessalonians 5
<b>Wednesday</b>	Parabolic teaching on prayer	Luke 18:1-14	2 Thessalonians 1
<b>Thursday</b>	First Lesson for the 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Deuteronomy 30:9-14	2 Thessalonians 2
<b>Friday</b>	Second Lesson for the 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Colossians 1:1-14	2 Thessalonians 3
<b>Saturday</b>	Gospel for the 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Luke 10:25-37	1 Timothy 1
<b>Sunday</b>	Christ's healing and teaching ministry	Matthew 19:1,2; Mark 10:1	1 Timothy 2
<b>Monday</b>	Teaching concerning divorce	Matthew 19:3-12; Mark 10:2-12	1 Timothy 3

## PRAYERS

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

**L** Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; 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: 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***

Mia Hernandez and Jackie Adelung, 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.

Laura & Dalton Pasbrig, as they celebrate their birthdays this week, that the Lord bless them with another year of his grace and mercy.

Tanya Scherling, as she celebrates the anniversary of her confirmation, that she be reminded of the promises she made to be faithful to the point of death and that she take comfort in the promises and teachings of her Lord which she learned in Confirmation.

Randy Webb, as he recovers from surgery, that the Lord grant him patience and endurance, and that the Lord grant a quick, speedy, and relatively painless recovery.

Pam Riggins, as she undergoes surgery this week, that the Lord guide the hands of the surgeon, and that the procedure work its course in due time.

For our brothers and sisters in the Missouri Synod, as they meet as a synod in convention this week, that they make decisions in a God-pleasing and Scriptural way, and that their decisions continue to lead them toward conservative Christianity.

All those affected by the senseless violence in our country in the past week, that they find peace in the only place where true peace can be found—in the cross of Christ and that God show mercy to all those who perpetrate evil and harm on our country and its citizens.

### **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.

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<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.'"

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## Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go



1 Forth in your name, O Lord, I go, My dai - ly  
 2 Oh, let me cheer - ful - ly ful - fill The task your  
 3 May I find you at my right hand; Your eyes see  
 4 Give me to bear your eas - y yoke And ev - 'ry  
 5 For you I joy - ous - ly em - ploy What - ev - er



la - bor to pur - sue, De - ter - mined on - ly  
 wis - dom has as - signed And do your good and  
 tru - ly what I do. I la - bor on at  
 mo - ment watch and pray And still to things e -  
 you in grace have giv'n; I run my dai - ly



you to know In all I think or speak or do.  
 per - fect will— In all my works your pres - ence find!  
 your com - mand And of - fer all my works to you.  
 ter - nal look And has - ten to your glo - rious day.  
 course with joy And close - ly walk with you to heav'n.

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