
THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

*The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19-25, 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 One Thing Needed.*

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 10:42

G "But one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

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	101	103	105	107	109	112,113	115
Evening	102	104	106	108	110,111	114	116

PSALM PRAYER

L Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, we humbly pray You so to guide and govern us by Your Word and Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget You but remember that we are ever walking in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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 blessing of little children	Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17	1 Timothy 4
Wednesday	A rich young ruler's faltering faith	Matthew 19:16-20:16; Mark 10:17-31; Luke 18:18-30	1 Timothy 5
Thursday	First Lesson for the 9 th Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 18:1-14	1 Timothy 6
Friday	Second Lesson for the 9 th Sunday after Pentecost	Colossians 1:21-29	2 Timothy 1
Saturday	Gospel for the 9 th Sunday after Pentecost	Luke 10:38-42	2 Timothy 2
Sunday	Jesus' prediction of his approaching death and resurrection	Matthew 20:17-19; Mark 10:32-34; Luke 18:31-34	2 Timothy 3
Monday	Humble, unselfish service	Matthew 20:20-28; Mark 10:35-45	2 Timothy 4

PRAYERS

Prayer for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:

L Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; 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

Gabi Webb, as she celebrates her birthday this week, that the Lord bless her with another year of his grace and mercy.

Randy Webb and Pam Riggins, as they recover from surgery, that the Lord grant them patience and endurance, and that the Lord grant a quick, speedy, and relatively painless recovery.

All those affected by the senseless violence in France this 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.

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.'"

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One Thing's Needful



1 One thing's need - ful; Lord, this trea - sure Teach me high - ly
 2 How were Mar - y's thoughts de - vot - ed Her e - ter - nal
 3 Wis - dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, can be



to re - gard. All else, though it first give plea - sure,
 joy to find As in - tent each word she not - ed,
 found in you. Let me find in you my plea - sure;



Is a yoke that press - es hard. Be - neath it the
 At her Sav - ior's feet re - clined. How kin - dled her
 Make my will and ac - tions true, Hu - mil - i - ty



heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing, No true, last - ing
 heart, how de - vot was its feel - ing, While hear - ing the
 there and sim - plic - i - ty reign - ing, In paths of true



hap - pi - ness ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is
 les - sons that Christ was re - veal - ing; All earth - ly con -
 wis - dom my steps ev - er train - ing. If I learn from



need - ful; all oth - ers are vain— I count
 cerns she for - got for her Lord And found
 Je - sus this knowl - edge di - vine, The bless -



all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain.
 her con - tent - ment in hear - ing his Word.
 ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.

Text: Johann H. Schröder, 1667–99, abr., adapt.; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–97, alt.
 Tune: EINS IST NOT (87 87 12 12 11 11) Friedrich L. C. Leyriz, 1808–59.