

# **The Congregation at Prayer**

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
*For the week of the Fourth Sunday in Advent*  
**December 20-December 26, 2020**

## **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. Learn by heart the catechism and hymn of the week.*

### ***Invocation***

In the Name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### ***Apostles Creed***

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life a everlasting. Amen.

### ***Psalm Psalm 108***

### ***Recite Memory Work (see back page)***

### ***Daily Readings***

Sunday, December 20 - Revelation 8:1-13

Monday, December 21 - Revelation 9:1-12

Tuesday, December 22 - Revelation 9:13-10:11

Wednesday, December 23 - Revelation 11:1-19

Thursday, December 24 - Revelation 12:1-17

Friday, December 25 - Matthew 1:1-17

Saturday, December 26 - Matthew 1:18-25

## *Prayers*

Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

O Lord, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers:

Redeemer Lutheran Church	John & Ele Sullivan	Juanita Wasson
The Lutheran Church--	Jim Steinke	Bishop Sylvanus Willie
Missouri Synod	Jennifer Koontz	Ibok Luke
(The Revd) President Matthew	Abby Smith	Kufre-Abasi Etim
Harrison	Moreah Stuckwisch	David Ukpong
(The Revd) Bishop Jamison	Kelly Oliver	Elijah Essang
Hardy	Bethany Kranz	(The Revd) David H. Petersen
Concordia Theological Semi-	Steve & Lucy Blakey	(The Revd) Michael Frese
nary	Angie Crouch	(The Revd Dr.) Daniel
(The Revd) Lawrence Rast	Mark Crouch	Reuning
Our Sister Churches	Maureen DeLassus	(The Revd Prof.) Robert
The United States of America	Jean Dray	Roethemeyer
President Donald Trump	Gail Grieser	Jane Casey
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Matt Garnett	Russel Kaufman	Jason Thompson
Zeke Felton	Jean Lahrman	Aaron Schultz
Terry Stephens	Dawn Littles-El	Nicholas Belcher
Ron & Effie Sheron	Gail Ludvigson	Peter Preus
Matt Borchelt	Ed McClure	Meghan Holst
Eric Beltran	Kurt & Teresa Munding	
Madeleine & David Herman	Cynthia Ridley	
Clara Roth	Heidi Sias	
Spencer Cassidy	Paul Smith	
Marilyn Conrad	Ed Snyder	
Bob Heider	Dale Steinke	
Norma Jean Uffelman	Sigita Svambariene &	
Amanda Willetts	Children	

Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy; grant them comfort and sure confidence in You; defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

### ***Lord's Prayer***

#### ***Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism***

*(Morning)* I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

*(Evening)* I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## Memory Work

### *The Catechism: Luther's Morning Prayer*

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### *Hymn of the Week: Now Praise We Christ the Holy One*

(Stanza 1)

1. Now praise we Christ the Holy One,  
The blessed virgin Mary's Son,  
Far as the glorious sun doth shine  
E'en to the world's remote confine.

### *Memory Verse for the Week*

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (*Matthew 11:28*)