

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the week St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

December 27, 2020 -January 2, 2021

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 109

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Daily Readings

Sunday, December 27 - Matthew 2:1-12

Monday, December 28 - Matthew 2:13-23

Tuesday, December 29 - Luke 1:1-25

Wednesday, December 30 - Luke 1:26-38

Thursday, December 31 - Luke 1:39-56

Friday, January 1 - Luke 1:57-80

Saturday, January 2 - Luke 2:1-20

Prayers

Let us pray. Merciful Lord, cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed in the doctrine of Your blessed apostle and evangelist John, may come to the light of everlasting life; 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	Abby Smith	Bishop Sylvanus Willie
The Lutheran Church--	Moreah Stuckwisch	Ibok Luke
Missouri Synod	Kelly Oliver	Kufre-Abasi Etim
(The Revd) President Matthew	Bethany Kranz	David Ukpog
Harrison	Amanda Shemwell	Elijah Essang
(The Revd) Bishop Jamison	Claire Burgdorf	(The Revd) David H. Petersen
Hardy	Steve & Lucy Blakey	(The Revd) Michael Frese
Concordia Theological Semi-	Angie Crouch	(The Revd Dr.) Daniel
nary	Mark Crouch	Reuning
(The Revd) Lawrence Rast	Maureen DeLassus	(The Revd Prof.) Robert
Our Sister Churches	Jean Dray	Roethemeyer
The United States of America	Gail Grieser	Jane Casey
President Donald Trump	Juanita Hahn	Nathaniel Pullmann
Redeemer Classical School	Russel Kaufman	Jason Thompson
Zeke Felton	Jean Lahrman	Aaron Schultz
Terry Stephens	Dawn Littles-El	Nicholas Belcher
Ron & Effie Sheron	Gail Ludvigson	Peter Preus
Madeleine & David Herman	Ed McClure	Meghan Holst
Clara Roth	Kurt & Teresa Munding	
Spencer Cassidy	Cynthia Ridley	
Marilyn Conrad	Heidi Sias	
Bob Heider	Paul Smith	
Norma Jean Uffelman	Ed Snyder	
Amanda Willetts	Dale Steinke	
John & Ele Sullivan	Sigita Svambariene &	
Jim Steinke	Children	
Jennifer Koontz	Juanita Wasson	

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 Evening Prayer

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.

Hymn of the Week: Frm Heaven Above to Earth I Cmme (Stanza 13)

13. Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
A quiet chamber set apart
For you to dwell within my heart.

Memory Verse for the Week

For this week: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (*John 1:1*)

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