

# **The Congregation at Prayer**

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

*For the week of the Third Sunday in Advent*

**December 19 - December 25, 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 ✠ everlasting. Amen.

### ***Psalm Psalm 119***

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

### ***Daily Readings***

Sunday, December 19 - Isaiah 40:1-17

Monday, December 20 - Isaiah 40:18-41:10

Tuesday, December 21 - Isaiah 42:1-25

Wednesday, December 22 - Isaiah 43:1-24

Thursday, December 23 - Isaiah 43:25-44:20

Friday, December 24 - Isaiah 44:21-45:13, 20-25

Saturday, December 25 - Isaiah 49:1-18

## *Prayers*

Stir up, O Lord, we beseech You, Your power, and come and with great might succor us that by the help of Your grace whatsoever is hindered by our sins may be speedily accomplished through Your mercy and satisfaction; who lives and reigns 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	Taitlyn Preus	Ed Snyder
The Lutheran Church--	Laura Steinbacher	Dale Steinke
Missouri Synod	Jenna Cummings	John & Ele Sullivan
(The Revd) President Matthew	Kaitlyn Sheridan	Norma Jean Uffelman
Harrison	Elizabeth Van Hemert	Juanita Wasson
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Barbara Wieting	Russel Kaufman	
Bob & Barbara Johnston	Jean Lahrman	
Felix Smith	Dawn Littles-El	
Jean Brillinger	Ed McClure	
Larry & Sandy Stewart	Kurt & Teresa Munding	
Chelsea Shaw & family	Cynthia Ridley	
Kim Wieting	Heidi Sias	
Emma Casey	Paul Smith	

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: Christian Questions and Answers*

18. Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?

That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from him to love God and my neighbor.

### *Hymn of the Week :*

*Of the Father's Love Begotten (LSB 384, stanzas 1&2)*

1 Of the Father's love begotten  
Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
He the source, the ending He,  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
And that future years shall see  
Evermore and evermore.

2 Oh, that birth forever blessed,  
When the virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
Bore the Savior of our race,  
And the babe, the world's Redeemer,  
First revealed His sacred face  
Evermore and evermore.

### *Memory Verse for the Week*

*For this week:* The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

*John 1:1-17*

*For last week:* But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth his son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law. *Galatians 4:4-5*