

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the week of The Second Sunday in Advent
December 4 - December 10, 2022

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 80

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Daily Readings

Sunday, December 4 - Luke 21: 26b-27

Monday, December 5 - Song of Solomon 2:8b-14

Tuesday, December 6- Luke 14:26-33

Wednesday, December 7 - Matthew 5:13-19

Thursday, December 8 - Matthew 11:11-15

Friday, December 9- John 1:15-18

Saturday, December 10 - 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Prayers

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, so that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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	Linda Church	Heidi Sias
The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod	Roxana & Dale Boenker	Paul Smith
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Jean Dray	Nicole Warehime	
Eric Adkins	Katelynn Aldrich	
Dick Tagtmeyer	Steve & Lucy Blakey	
Dawn Smith	Hilda Blasing	
Mark Crouch	Jonathan & Maggie Casey, Basil & Cyril	
Warren Messman	Angie Crouch	
Gene Daley	Maureen DeLassus	
Willy & Judy Schwartz	Rev. Winston Grieser	
Amanda Willetts	Juanita Hahn	
	Madeleine & David	
	Herman	
	Russel Kaufman	
	Dawn Littles-El	
	Ed McClure	
	Kurt & Teresa Munding-er	
	Cynthia Ridley	

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

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Hymn of the Week *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying, Stanza 1 (LSB 516)*

“Wake, awake, for night is flying,”
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”
Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
“Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!
Hallelujah!
With bridal care Yourselves prepare
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near.”

Memory Verse for the Week

For this week: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*

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