

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the week of The Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 18 - December 24, 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 98

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Daily Readings

Sunday, December 18 - St. Matthew 11:2-10

Monday, December 19 - Isaiah 40:1-8

Tuesday, December 20 - Matthew 13:44-52

Wednesday, December 21 - Isaiah 2:2-5

Thursday, December 22 - Luke 1:26-38a

Friday, December 23 - Luke 1:39-47

Saturday, December 24 - Luke 3:1-16

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	Linda Church	Paul Smith
The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod	Roxana & Dale Boenker	Dale Steinke
(The Revd) President Matthew Harrison	Milo Osburn	John & Ele Sullivan
(The Revd) Bishop Jamison Hardy	Barbara Wieting	Norma Jean Uffelman
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(The Revd) Lawrence Rast	Jean Brillinger	(The Revd) David H. Petersen
Our Sister Churches	Larry & Sandy Stewart	(The Revd) Michael Frese
The United States of America	Moreah Stuckwisch	(The Revd Dr.) Daniel Reuning
President Joseph Biden	Amanda Shemwell	Jane Casey
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Nicole Warehime & Esther Rae	Kelly Oliver	Conner Walts
Dorene Rodocker	Hope Matter	Spencer Warehime
Neeley Owen	Katelynn Aldrich	
Jean Dray	Kelly Klumpp	
Eric Adkins	Steve & Lucy Blakey	
Dick Tagtmeyer	Hilda Blasing	
Dawn Smith	Jonathan & Maggie Casey, Basil & Cyril	
Mark Crouch	Angie Crouch	
Warren Messman	Maureen DeLassus	
Gene Daley	Rev. Winston Grieser	
Willy & Judy Schwartz	Juanita Hahn	
Amanda Willetts	Madeleine & David Herman	
	Russel Kaufman	
	Dawn Littles-El	
	Ed McClure	
	Kurt & Teresa Munding-er	
	Cynthia Ridley	
	Heidi Sias	

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

Which are these?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

Hymn of the Week *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright, Stanza 1 and 2*

O Splendor of God's glory bright,
Who bringest forth the light from Light;
O Light of Light, light's Fountainspring
O Day, our days enlightening:

Come very Sun of truth and love,
Come in Thy radiance from above
And shed the Holy Spirit's ray
On all we think or do today.

Memory Verse for the Week

For this week: Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. *Matthew 5:16*

For next week: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. *Psalms 119:105*