

# **The Congregation at Prayer**

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
*For the week of The First Sunday after the Epiphany*  
**January 8-January 14, 2023**

## **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 66***

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

### ***Daily Readings***

Sunday, January 8 - Isaiah 42:1-9

Monday, January 9 - Genesis 38

Tuesday, January 10 - Genesis 39

Wednesday, January 11 - Luke 2:42-52

Thursday, January 12 - Genesis 40

Friday, January 13 - Genesis 41

Saturday, January 14 - Romans 12:6-16

## *Prayers*

Let us pray. O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people who call upon You and grant that they both perceive and know what things they ought to do and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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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 - Confession, Review***

*What is Confession?*

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

*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.

*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 3 and 4

3. Likewise to Thee our prayers ascend,  
Father of glory without end,  
Father of saving grace, for power  
To conquer in temptation's hour.

4. Teach us to work with all our might;  
Beat back the devil's threat'ning spite;  
Turn all to good that seems most ill;  
Help us our callings to fulfill.

### ***Memory Verse for the Week***

*For this week:* And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8